

*The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star*

Faith, Family and Friends



*July 26 -28, 2012
Ford Park Event Center
Beaumont, Texas*

*Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron*

*David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron*

**The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star**

Extends Fraternal Greetings and
Welcomes You to the
One Hundred Thirtieth Session



“Faith, Family and Friends”

2011

2012



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***Mrs. Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron***

***Mr. David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron***

***Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary***

DEDICATION and APPRECIATION

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS --

It is with much love and appreciation that we dedicate this 130th “Faith, Family and Friends” Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers in Texas.

We want to express our gratitude for every courtesy extended to our offices as we have served our Order this year. Each prayer for traveling grace, each act of kindness and display of support gave us the encouragement to continue on our way. Thank you for the many expressions of Love that you wrapped in your kindness and tied with your heartstrings. The memories we have of this beautiful year of service are because each of you helped to make them so.

Every day was greeted with a “Possibilitarian” attitude and enthusiastic commitment to work toward each goal for the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter Year. We thank you for traveling with us, for being present at the many events and for assisting in our projects for this year. Any success we may have achieved is the result of your attentiveness and dedication.

Never forget that what’s important is You!

Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron

David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron



*Mrs. Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star*



*Mr. David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star*

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Most Worthy Grand Matron
and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons
and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

General Grand Chapter Officers
and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Texas

Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Patron

Installed Grand Officers and Officers of
Grand Chapters of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Jurisdictions
Grand Representative of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions
Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Distinguished Members and Leaders of the
Fraternal Youth Organizations
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
International Order of DeMolay

State and National Presiding Officers of Other Fraternal Orders

SPECIAL GUEST



*Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron
and
Past Grand Matron of Texas*

SPECIAL GUEST



*Mr. John Grobler
Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron
and
Past Grand Patron of Washington*

SPECIAL GUEST



*Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
Past Grand Matron of Texas*

SPECIAL GUEST



*Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux
Worthy Grand Chaplain
Past Grand Matron of Vermont*

SPECIAL GUEST



*Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Berry
Worthy Grand Organist
Past Grand Matron of Texas*

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



*Mr. Henry Martin
General Chairman, Texas
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Co-Chairman, Texas
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mr. Jerry Trees
Housing Chairman, Texas
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Housing Co-Chairman, Texas
Past Grand Matron of Texas*

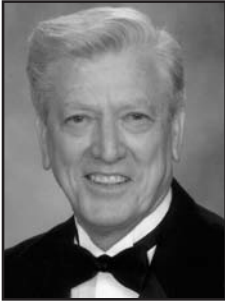


*Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Finance Chairman, Texas
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mrs. Betty Friend
Social Chairman, Texas
Past Grand Matron of Texas*

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS



*Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Ambassador to Hawaii
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Cancer Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



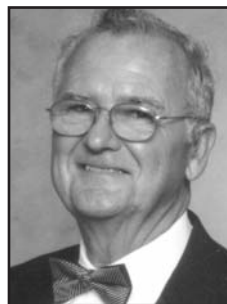
*Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Appeals and Grievances Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Credentials Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker
Chapter Restoration Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

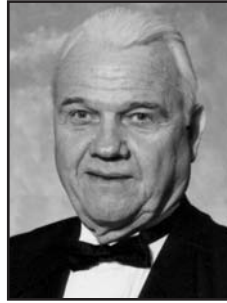


*Mr. Ed Warner
ESTARL Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS



*Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Membership Committee
United States Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mr. Jack W. Guy
Service Dog Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mrs. Nancy Brown
Pin Committee
Pin Distribution Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Youth Committee
United States Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mrs. Alma Carter
Registration Committee
United States Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mr. William Rhyan
Registration Committee
PGP of Arizona*



*Mrs. Frankie Little
Necrology Committee
PGM of Iowa*

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS



*Mrs. Sylvia Garcia
Deputy to the
Most Worthy Grand Matron &
Most Worthy Grand Patron
in Mexico*



*Mr. Raul Garcia
Deputy to the
Most Worthy Grand Matron &
Most Worthy Grand Patron
in Mexico and Central America*



*Mrs. Phyllis Macon
International Grand Representative
Association - President*



*Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane
International Headquarters
Administrator*



*Mrs. Janice Herridge
Secretary to the Executive Committee
Past Matron, Chapter*

IN MEMORIAM

When you think of Garland Ward Rattan, you think of someone filled with kindness, intelligence, interest, faithfulness and gentle in spirit. Garland lived as gentle as he could and took what came his way of good or ill and clung to faith and honor. He always served his fellow man and was humbly proud of his achievements, but never would you hear a word of boast.

Sister Virginia Lynn Green saw these fine qualities in Garland and chose him to serve as her Worthy Grand Patron in 1992-1993. They conducted "The Whispering of Angel Wings" Session in Dallas.

Garland did his research and discovered that angels serve as guardians of individuals and nations. He was proud to serve as a "Gentle Guardian" and serve Eastern Star and mankind with "Faithful Friends."

Loving challenges Garland achieved each challenge he faced in his gentle manner. He quoted Emerson as saying: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Children have it, that is why they are eager to learn. The successful person is one who carries the best qualities of childhood into ones later years such as inquisitiveness, wonder, freshness and discovery.

Those are the standards Garland lived by, not only in his service in Eastern Star, but in his service and career at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. At the age of twenty eight he was the youngest school superintendent in Texas and served the Ranch in that capacity for over thirty years.

Garland lovingly dedicated his year of service as Worthy Grand Patron "to my wife, Shirley, whose love and support inspire me." May angels wrap their wings of love around his faithful Shirley and his family and give them peace.

To the membership of Texas, Garland stated he had been working to "earn his spurs." It was important to him to be in the appropriate place; to listen and learn; it was important to present the facts to the membership and to uphold the principles for which we stand.

Brother Garland Ward Rattan, you have forever earned your spurs.

"When we take that backward glance
to where our journey ends,
I pray that you shall be as glad as I shall be
that we were friends."

MR. GARLAND WARD RATTAN
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1992-1993

DIED AUGUST 22, 2011



IN MEMORIAM

Leland Gary Benefield was a passionate man; it was always God, family and Eastern Star. His views were unchanging and he was a true friend to all he knew. He was raised in Rogers, Texas, the capital of the world! He graduated from Rogers High School Class of 1956, and proudly served our country in the Air Force. Leland was a business man and served his customers well and made many long time relationships. He was also extremely proud of his time serving the members of Eastern Star. First in Oso Chapter No. 868, where he and Lynda served as Worthy Matron and Patron together, and then served again at Handley Chapter No. 617. Leland was very compassionate as he tried his very best to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas as Worthy Grand Patron with Marcella Curry in 1993 – 1994. They both endured extreme illness during their first year in office. Even during this difficult time, his faith and determination to live never failed him. After 124 days of being in the hospital, his devoted family and friends stayed close and rendered their support to him. After some time, he was able to travel and enjoy good times and as many Eastern Star meetings and functions as he could attend. He considered Grand Chapter a big family reunion. When asked, do you want to go? His answer was always the same, “I am going to go until I can’t go anymore.” And go they did! Lynda and Leland were able to travel many places together. They shared 52 wonderful years of marriage, and were never very far apart. And that remained true until the end when the angels came to lead Leland home. Leland was always happy to visit with the members of a chapter when he would be able to catch up on their lives. Even though his sight was limited, he could recognize people by their voices and call them by name. He was blessed with an incredible mind, and astute memory, he could give directions to any chapter in the state of Texas, never once using a map. He always knew he was among sweet spirits when he would hear the members’ voices. It was that final voice he heard on August 23, 2011 as the Lord called this sweet spirit home. Leland is survived by his devoted wife, Lynda, daughters Lesa and husband Trey, Laura and husband Jeff and granddaughters Ashley, Shelby, Emily and Kelley Ann.



MR. LELAND G. BENEFIELD
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1993-1994

DIED AUGUST 15, 2011

IN MEMORIAM

Molly Cleo Singletary Goodpasture was born October 18, 1914 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma to Frank and Lula Singletary. Molly came to West Texas in 1922 in a covered wagon and settled in the Wellman area. She married Grady Goodpasture January 20, 1934. Her first child Gradena, "Deenie" was born in 1937. Her second child, Rita, was born in 1941. Her husband Grady died in 1972. She married Jim West in 1981. He died in 1994. Molly led an active and busy life as she participated in all local and state activities. She sang in the First Baptist Church choir for approximately 40 years. A Chair in her name was established in the OB-GYN department at the Texas Tech University Medical Center. She organized the Band Boosters Association. She served on the Board of Goodpasture since its beginning and was Chairman of the Board in 1972.



She served on the Board of Texas Arts and Humanities for four years and served as Fine Arts Chairman of the Texas Federation of Women Clubs for several years. She served on the Board of the Lubbock Civic Ballet and one year as the President. She also served on the Board as President of the Terry County Heritage Museum for one year.

Molly joined the Order of the Eastern Star and took her Obligation seriously. She was always a conscientious and dedicated member. She enjoyed the membership and was interested in the future of our Order. Her advice and counsel was appreciated by those who knew her. She served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1963 – 1964 with Van Plumlee as Worthy Grand Patron. Her "Building a Pinnacle of Life Session" was held in San Antonio. The Membership totaled 131,750. While serving as Worthy Grand Matron, one of her main projects was the Baytown Opportunity School, and this helped finance the land for the new School for special needs children. This was done in her daughter "Deenie's" honor, who was born with Down syndrome, who died in 1995. Molly served not only her local Brownfield Chapter but also Grand Chapter and then General Grand Chapter, where she served as Worthy Grand Adah and also had other Appointments in General Grand.

In the quiet hours of the night, Molly heard the Savior call and say, "Come home GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT AND I WILL GIVE THEE REST." Molly has reached the "Pinnacle of her life" where she now sits in the presence of her Lord and Savior. She is survived by her daughter, Rita Muldrow and husband Ken, grandchildren Grady and wife Molley, Tara and husband Bob, Megan Dorfner and husband Aaron and six great-grandchildren.

Today as we pay this Sincere Tribute to this beautiful Past Grand Matron, we say "Thanks for the Memories."

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
1963-1964

DIED SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

IN MEMORIAM

God called Billy H. Combest home on January 31, 2012. Billy H. Combest was born March 8, 1931, in Anna, Texas. He married Freda Carbaugh on June 19, 1954, in Reno Nevada.

He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict. Billy retired as a Dallas Police Officer after twenty-six years of service. He was ordained a Baptist Minister and continued to work through the Dallas Police Department as a Chaplain for another twenty-eight years. After his years as a Police Officer, he was a private detective and taught Criminal Law at the College level.

Billy was a member of the Princeton Masonic Lodge #1436 and East Dallas Masonic Lodge #1200, Princeton Eastern Star #1126, Dallas Scottish Rite, Hella Shrine, Sherman Invisible Friends Commandery #13, Sherman Chapter of Royal Arch Masons #62, Sherman Counsel of Royal and Select Masters #43, North Texas York Rite College #118, North Texas Priory #73, KYCH and General Grand Chapter as Knights Templar Charities, Chairman, Order of the Eastern Star.

Billy was a member of the Princeton City Council for over ten years, serving as Mayor Pro Tem, and he was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Princeton.

He was a loving, kind and gentle man who always looked for the best in everyone and a loyal worker serving the many Fraternities that he loved.

Sister Rosemary T. Swetland asked Billy to serve as her Worthy Grand Patron for the year of 1995-1996. He has done so much for the Order of the Eastern Star, the many other Fraternities and he will be greatly missed by all members.

Billy is survived by his wife Freda, their two daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and many, many friends who will always have precious memories of this special man.

Billy left us with this prayer:

“May our Heavenly Father lead you beside still waters
May his strength be the joy you find there,
May his power be the victory you live in,
And until we meet again, May he hold you safely
In the Palm of his Almighty Hand.”



MR. BILLY H. COMBEST
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1995-1996

DIED JANUARY 31, 2012

IN MEMORIAM

*They have seen the sunrise with the Master.
Earth's long and weary night has passed away.
All their pains and earthly cares have been forgotten
In that land of great joy and endless day.*



Margaret Jane Gregory entered into her eternal rest on June 24, 2012 at the age of 88. A funeral service was held at Pasadena Funeral Chapel in Pasadena, Texas with Rev. Jay Horton officiating. Burial was at Morning Side Cemetery as Jane was laid to rest next to her late husband Morris (Moe) Gregory in DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Jane was born on March 12, 1924 to Andrew and Margaret McGinnes in DuBois, Pennsylvania. After graduating DuBois High School, Jane continued her education to become a Registered Nurse. Jane married Morris (Moe) Gregory in 1947 and they made their home in Pennsylvania until 1950. Moe served in World War II and the Korean War and was then assigned to Ellington Air Force Base in Houston where he retired after 30 years of service to his country. Jane was very involved in her church and community and served on the City Council Board of Health.

Jane joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1967. Her Eastern Star life became as busy as her professional life. She served as Worthy Matron of Pasadena Chapter #1155, as Deputy Grand Matron for WGM Mary Brown, and District Deputy Grand Matron for Kathy Johnston.

Jane presided over the 1992 Session as Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Glen Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, in her "A Time for All Things" Session in Houston. She had a special dedication in her program for her Strawberry Girls and Time Keepers. She served General Grand Chapter 2006-2009 on the Registration Committee.

Jane enjoyed living at TMRC very much, having been a resident since 2010. She was fond of all the residents and employees alike. She was proud of her beautifully decorated apartment and always invited visitors to her home. Jane was an avid reader and utilized visual aids to assist with her low vision needs. She was a very strong and determined lady.

Jane is survived by one niece, Deborah Gilbert of DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Jane requested memorials be made to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, 1501 W. Division Street, Arlington, Texas 76012; or First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504.

Jane will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

MRS. JANE GREGORY
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
1991-1992

DIED JUNE 24, 2012

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



*Mrs. Annette Curry
Associate Grand Matron*



*Mr. William R. "Bill" Crews
Associate Grand Patron*



*Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary*



*Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
Grand Treasurer*



*Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Grand Conductress*



*Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand
Conductress*



*Ms. Jerre Miller
Grand Chaplain*



*Mrs. B.J. Corwin
Grand Marshal*



*Mrs. Faye Percy
Grand Organist*

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



*Ms. Jo D. Dibrell
Grand Adah*



*Mrs. Marialice Bailey
Grand Ruth*



*Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Grand Esther*



*Mrs. Sue Shoemaker
Grand Martha*



*Mrs. Adele Isaacs
Grand Electa*



*Mrs. Gay Carnes
Grand Warder*



*Mr. George Gwaltney
Grand Sentinel*



*Ms. Melanie Rayner
Fraternal Correspondent*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Mrs. Tonya Foster
Secretary/Treasurer
District 1*



*Mrs. Rebecca Austin
Member, District 1*



*Mr. Keith Mikeworth
Chairman
District 2*



*Mrs. Karen Kidd
Member, District 2*



*Mrs. Lorraine Williams
Member, District 3*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Mrs. Darla Dunaway
Member, District 3*



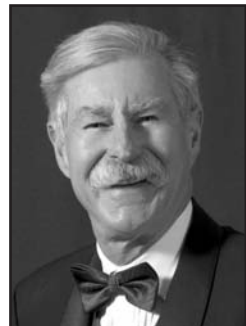
*Mrs. Elizabeth Wise
Vice Chairman
District 4*



*Mrs. Gerry Sturtz
Member, District 4*



*Mr. David Ouelette
Member, District 5*



*Mr. Ron Zipp
Member, District 5*

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



*Melissa Hudman
District 1*



*Mrs. Carla Stringer
District 2*



*Mrs. Donna Hill Pope
District 3*



*Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
District 4*



*Mrs. Sandra Zipp
District 5*



*Mrs. Susan Bigham
Grand Examiner At Large*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



*Mr. Ben Clegg
Chairman*



*Mrs. Billie Hicks
Secretary*



*Mrs. Jeanette Cotton
Treasurer*



*Mrs. Nita McDaniel
Auditor*

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE - 2011-2012



*Mr. Sunny Wise
Chairman*



*Mr. Doyle Thornton
Co-Chairman*



*Mrs. Peggy Barrington
Housing Chairman*



*Mrs. Pat Edwards
Housing Co-Chairman*



*Mrs. Iva Lee Hamilton
Social Chairman*



*Mrs. Linda Roy
Social Co-Chairman*



*Mrs. Melody Haynes
Ticket Chairman*



*Mrs. Alvina Means
Ticket Co-Chairman*



*Mrs. Lisa Jardine
Public Relations*



*Mrs. Georgia Campbell
Distinguished Guests*



*Mrs. Jennifer Batchelor
TMRC Liaison*

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE - 2011-2012



Mr. Allen Tuell
Systems Division Chairman



Mrs. Diana Harvick
Systems Division Co-Chairman



Mrs. Linda Ebeling
Decorations



Mr. Randy Spell
Labyrinth



Mrs. Robbie Abshere
Paraphernalia



Mr. Jeff Felder
Sound/PA



Mr. Earl Fields
Electrical



Mr. Paul Garner
Election Equipment



Mr. Jerry Saunders
Transportation



Mr. John Brian
Ushers



Mr. Richard Sharp
Vendors

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE - 2011-2012



Mr. Clyde Caldwell
Services Division Chairman



Mr. Bill Henry
Services Division Co-Chairman



Mrs. Becky Dunn
Ditty Bags



Mrs. Faye Cuniff
Information, Lost & Found



Mrs. Anna Chapman
Special Needs



Mrs. Nancy Parsley
Steno



Mrs. Mona Gaye Giles
First Aid



Mr. Travis Knowlton
Security



Mrs. Janice Hoffman
Registration Chairman



Mrs. Betty Fogarty
Credentials Chairman

CEREMONIAL OPENING

Thursday Session
July 26, 2012

"Faith, Family and Friends, the Foundation of our Lives"

11:00 AM Musical Prelude	Mrs. Jackie Stogner International Headquarters Committee
Master Of Ceremonies	Mrs. Betty Benham Past Grand Matron of Texas
Assisting Grand Marshal	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Past Grand Matron of Texas

**Processional of
Distinguished Members and Guests
Presentation of Texas Installed Grand Officers,
Elected Board Members and Fraternal Correspondent**

Board of Grand Examiners

Board of Directors

Installed Grand Officers

Fraternal Correspondent Escorted by Mr. R.W. "Bob" Royall, Jr.	Ms. Melanie Rayner
Grand Sentinel Escorted by Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney	Mr. George Gwaltney
Grand Warder Escorted by Mr. T. E. "Gene" Carnes	Mrs. Gay Carnes
Grand Electa Escorted by Mr. Jeff Perry	Mrs. Adele Isaacs
Grand Martha Escorted by Mr. Tony Whitehead	Mrs. Sue Shoemaker

Grand Esther Escorted by Mr. Lawrence Tucker	Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Grand Ruth Escorted by Mr. Brack Jones, Jr.	Mrs. Marialice Bailey
Grand Adah Escorted by Mr. Paul McLinn	Ms. Jo D. Dibrell
Grand Organist Escorted by Mr. Frank Berkley	Mrs. Faye Percy
Grand Marshal Escorted by Dr. Charles Corwin	Mrs. B. J. Corwin
Grand Chaplain Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith	Ms. Jerre Miller
Associate Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Joey Yenger	Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Grand Treasurer Escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens	Mrs. Lorrie Owens
Grand Secretary Escorted by Mr. John Creel	Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Associate Grand Patron Escorted by Mrs. Kathey Crews	Mr. William A. Crews
Associate Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis	Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Patron Escorted by Dr. Ellen Pickrell	Mr. David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Thomas F. Griffin	Mrs. Vi Griffin

PRESENTATIONS

The Holy Bible	Mrs. Dorris Clegg Past Matron, Wisteria #823
Bible Marker	Mrs. Rita Lytle Past Matron, Spring #1105
Square and Compasses	Mr. T. E. "Gene" Carnes Past Grand Master

FLAG PRESENTATIONS

United States Flag	Gary Mosmeyer Past Patron, Cypress #1102
Canadian Flag	Mr. Tony Whitehead Past Patron, Dal Cliff Chapter #574
Texas Flag	Mr. John Woolsey Past Patron, Bay City Chapter #380
Washington Flag	Mr. Larry Pettit Past Patron, Carpenter's Chapter #183
Christian Flag	Mr. Roy Parsons Past Patron, Queen Esther #833
Eastern Star Flag	Mr. Jimmy Williams Past Patron, Crowley #1125
Masonic Flag	Mr. Terry Miller Past Patron, Blanco Chapter #934

1:00 PM Call to Order

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Henry S. Martin
General Grand Chapter Executive Chairman
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Invocation Mrs. Alma L. Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Scripture for the Day Mrs. Sharon Fentress
General Grand Chapter Executive Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Greetings and Presentations

Welcome Mr. Ben Clegg
Executive Committee Chairman, 2011-2012

City of Beaumont Honorable Becky Ames, Mayor

Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau Ms. Rebecca Woodland

Jefferson County Honorable Jeff R. Branick
County Judge, Jefferson County

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Ms. Stephanie Briggers

International Order of Rainbow for Girls Mrs. JoAnn Weaver
Supreme Deputy in Texas

Miss Boston White
Grand Worthy Advisor

DeMolay International Mr. J. Weldon Clampitt
State Executive Officer

Mr. Sean Waldrop
State Master Councilor

Patriot Paws Mr. Jack Guy
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM Honorable James Brumit
Most Worshipful Grand Master

General Grand Chapter

Mr. John Grobler
Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Grand Patron of Washington

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Partial Report of Credentials Committee

Mrs. Betty Fogarty
Chairman

“Rocking Horse” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal

**ALL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS
OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
WILL PLEASE RETIRE AT THIS TIME**

Precision Drill

Directed by Mr. Thomas F. Griffin
Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas

Ritualistic Opening

Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode

Vivacious Voices and Assembly
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Directed by Mrs. Lesa Smith, Director

Flag Presentation

Mrs. B. J. Corwin
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron

National Anthem

Vivacious Voices and Assembly
Directed by Mrs. Lesa Smith

“O Canada”

“Circle of Friendship” Drill
Grand Representatives of Texas and Other Grand Jurisdictions
Directed by Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal

***We hope that you will be joining us for the
“Grand Chapter Follies” Rob Morris Celebration at 7:00 PM
at the Holiday Inn and Suites***

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Friday Morning Session

July 27, 2012

“Family, the Joy of our Lives”

8:00 AM Musical Prelude Mrs. Linda Love
Past Matron, Evadale #1111

8:15 AM Call to Order Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Past Grand Patron

“Rocking Horse” Drill Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Invocation Mr. John Creel
Past Grand Patron

Scripture for the Day Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Past Grand Matron

Session Called from Rest to Labor

Reports:

Parliamentarian	Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw
Credentials	Mrs. Betty Fogarty
Chapters UD	Mr. William L. “Bill” Wyatt
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. David B. Dibrell
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
Board of Directors	Mr. Keith Mikeworth, Chairman
Jurisprudence	Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Grievance and Appeals	Mr. Jack Guy
By-Laws	Mr. Ben Day

Benediction Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron

**Called from Labor to Rest until 1:30 PM, Friday Afternoon
Luncheons for the Grand Line Officers
See Social Calendar for Locations**

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Friday Afternoon Session

July 27, 2012

“Friends, the Essentials of our Lives”

1:15 PM Musical Prelude Mrs. Ann O’Dell
Past Matron, Silsbee #298

1:30 PM Call to Order Mrs. Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Nelson Campbell
Past Grand Patron

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Invocation Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron

Session Called From Rest to Labor

Humanitarian Presentation Mrs. Tina Stevens
Humanitarian Committee, Chairman

District Chairmen:

District One	Mrs. Kathy Paschal
District Two	Mrs. Audri Rowell
District Three	Mrs. Sandy Trimble
District Four	Mrs. Debra Fincher
District Five	Mrs. Vickie Mathews

Presentation of the Participating Chapters
Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons
Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons

“Faith, Family and Friends” Humanitarian Drill
Directed by Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal

Special Music Vivacious Voices

Reports Continued:

Adoption of Fraternal Correspondent Report

Educational Fund	Mrs. Emily Biddler
Purposes & Policies	Mr. Nelson R. Campbell
International Headquarters	Mrs. Jackie Stogner
OES Endowment	Mrs. Betty Scott
Titles, Deeds & Properties	Ms Jodie Wilson
Museum	Mrs. Nell Casparis
Webmaster	Mr. Jack York
Financial Investment	Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Texas Cardinals, Inc.	Mr. Jerry Martin
Endowed Membership	Mr. Mark Dieckmann

Benediction

Duane "Buddy" Baker
General Grand Chapter, Chapter Restoration Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas

**Called from Labor to Rest until 7:30 PM, Friday Evening
Please plan to attend our ESTARL and Memorial Programs
this evening.**

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Friday Evening Session

July 27, 2012

“Faith, the Blessing of our Lives”

6:45 PM Musical Prelude

Tricia Henderson
Member, Castleberry #1028

7:30 PM Call to Order

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Bill Wyatt
Past Grand Patron



PEACE - LOVE - HARMONY
ESTARL SERVICE AND AWARDS

Musical Prelude
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Berry
Worthy Grand Organist, General Grand Chapter

Welcome

Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson
General Chairman

ESTARL Committee

Mrs. Gayle Doyle, District 1
Mrs. Barbara Reynolds, District 2
Mrs. Mamie Pistokache, District 3
Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann, District 4
Mrs. Gloria Bennett, District 5

Invocation

Ms. Stephanie Leigh Hinton
Recipient, District 4

Musical Selection

Reverend Rebecca Jean Love
Recipient, District 4

Accompaniment

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Berry
Worthy Grand Organist, GGC

Scripture Reading

Ms. Stephanie Leigh Hinton
Recipient, District 4

Musical Selection

Mr. Charles Kirk Crider
Recipient, District 1

Message

Mr. Karl Houston Hanschen
Recipient, District 5

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Charles Kirk Crider
Recipient, District 1

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Offertory Music

Reverend Rebecca Jean Love
Recipient, District 4

Accompaniment

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Berry
Worthy Grand Organist, GGC

Greetings and Presentation of Awards

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. David Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by the ESTARL Committee

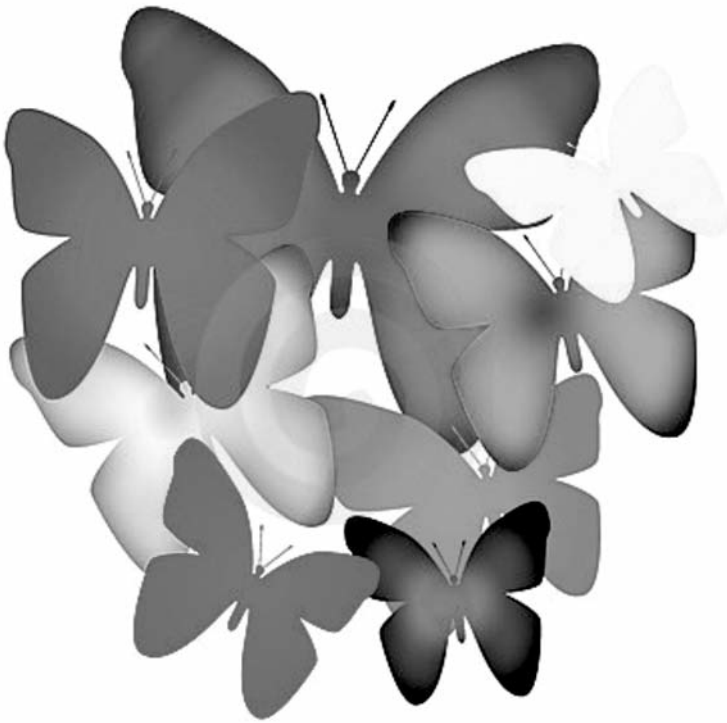
Response from Recipients

Reverend Rebecca Jean Love
Recipient, District 4

Benediction

Ms. Stephanie Leigh Hinton
Recipient, District 4

***Psalms 119:2-3 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.***



Rebirth

Renewal

Remembrance

***“Rebirth, Renewal, Remembrance”
Memorial Service***

Musical Prelude Tricia Henderson

Song-*Surely the Presence of the Lord* Choir

Under the direction of Lesa Smith, Grand Choir Director
Accompanied by Tricia Henderson

Invocation David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron

Report of Grand Chaplain Jerre Miller, Grand Chaplain

Song-*He Leadeth Me* Choir

General Grand Chapter

Tribute Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary/
Past Grand Matron-TX

Presentation Rosemary Swetland Berry
Worthy Grand Organist/Past Grand Matron-TX

Henry Martin
Chair Executive Committee GGC/Past Grand Patron-TX

Grand Chapter

Tribute to PGP Garland Rattan Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron-TX

Tribute to PGP Leland Benefield Sharon Fentress
Housing Co Chair-
GGC/Past Grand Matron-TX

Tribute to PGM Molly Goodpasture Betty Benham
Past Grand Matron-TX

Tribute to PGP Billy Combest
Joyce Gilbert
Chair Youth Committee-
GGC/Past Grand Matron-TX

Tribute to PGM Jane Gregory
Alma Carter
Registration Committee-
United States Chairman GGC/Past Grand Matron-TX

Presentation
Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron-TX

Kenneth Gregory
Co Chair Executive Committee-GGC/Past Grand Patron-TX

Subordinate Chapters

Tribute
Nancy Brown
Chair Pin Distribution-GGC/Past Grand Matron-TX

Presentation
Vi Griffin—Worthy Grand Matron
David Dibrell—Worthy Grand Patron

Military

Tribute
John Creel—Past Grand Patron-TX

Presentation
Joyce Nicklas—Past Grand Matron-TX
Ray Hertenberger—Past Grand Patron-TX

Drill
Installed Grand Officers, Pages,
Secretaries, District Deputies

Story of the Butterfly

Song-Hymn of Promise
Choir

Draping of the Altar
Jayne Yenger—Grand Conductress
Cheryl Albrecht—Associate Grand Conductress

Jerre Miller—Grand Chaplain

Benediction-*It is Well with My Soul*

Lesa Smith—Grand Choir Director
Linda Koch—Page to Grand Chaplain
Jay Rhyan—Page to Grand Chaplain
Bill Rhyan—Co Chair-Registration-GGC/PGP-AZ



Benediction

K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
Past Grand Patron

Closing of the Bible

Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Grand Conductress

Called from Labor to Rest until 8:15 AM, Saturday Morning

Rehearsal for 2012-2013 Installation of Grand Officers

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Saturday Morning Session

July 26, 2012

“Faith, Family and Friends, the Hope of our Future”

8:00 AM	Musical Prelude	Mrs. Delphia VonHeeder Past Matron, Archives Chapter 1095
8:15 AM	Call to Order	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Youth Committee of General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron
	Scripture for the Day	Mr. Jerry Trees Executive Committee of General Grand Chapter, Housing Chairman Past Grand Patron
		Mrs. Effie Mae Davis Past Grand Matron
	“Rocking Horse” Drill Directed by Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal	Installed Grand Officers and Pages
	Precision Drill	Directed by Thomas F. Griffin Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas
	<i>Entrance of Installed Grand Officers</i>	
	Invocation	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Past Grand Matron
	<i>Session called from Rest to Labor</i>	
	Adoption of Reports:	
	Humanitarian	Mrs. Tina Stevens
	ESTARL	Mrs. Linda W. Christiansen
	Grand Chaplain	Ms. Jerre Miller
	Deputies of Grand Chapter	
	Board of Grand Examiners	
	Special Music	Vivacious Voices
	Credentials-Final Report Registration – Final Report	Mrs. Betty Fogarty Mrs. Janice Hoffman

Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges and Tellers

**All persons to be nominated for office and the persons
nominating them are to be seated in the East.**

10:00 AM ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Reports Continued

Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members

Presentation of TMRC Residents

Presentation of Dynamic Chapter Awards

Recognitions and Presentations

Invitation to the 131st Grand Chapter Session

Election Results

Benediction

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler

**Called from Labor to Rest until 5:30 PM, Saturday Evening
for Installation of 2012-2013 Grand Officers**

Processional of Distinguished Guests will begin at 5:30 PM

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**PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR GRAND CHAPTER SESSION 2012**

In accordance with Code of Laws - Article 157. Page 118 - 120 and the following:

1. "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
2. The Credentials Committee, immediately prior to the Ritualistic opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this committee will determine if a quorum is present. Immediately prior to holding the election at the Saturday morning session, the Credentials Committee shall make a final report of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.
3. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room for all business sessions, delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee and must also show a current dues card or demit. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.
4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and chapter name and number of the maker of the motion, as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:
 - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
 - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
 - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or member holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.
6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. Proceed to the nearest microphone;
 - b. Address the Presiding Officer;
 - c. Wait for recognition from the presiding officer before speaking;
 - d. State your name, title, chapter name and number then proceed to make a motion of participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.
8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment as amended, then the original motion as amended.

9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.
10. A majority vote shall determine all question, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting delegates will hold up the GREEN card Chapter Representatives will hold up the YELLOW card.
11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
12. The following motions are not debatable:
 - a. Reconsider
 - b. Refer to a committee
 - c. Call for the orders of the day
 - d. Division of the question
 - e. Previous question*
 - f. Lay on the table
 - g. To call off
 - h. To proceed to close

* A member wishing to close debate shall proceed to a microphone; wait to be recognized; address the Presiding Officer; state your name, title, chapter name and number; and then make the following motion: *"I move the previous question."* Simply calling out the word *"question"* from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.
13. Emergency Legislation may be presented at Grand Chapter if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. There shall be three (3) copies in writing of all emergency legislation proposals with distribution as follows:
 - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
 - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary
 - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
14. The motion to reconsider must be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing (winning) side either on the same day the vote was taken on the original motion or the next succeeding day.
15. The maker of the motion shall be entitled to be the first speaker on that motion.
16. The affirmative and the negative vote will be taken on all questions and resolutions and the result announced by the Presiding Officer.
17. The Worthy Grand Matron shall make all rulings and decisions. It will take two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to overrule a decision of the Chair.

18. Nominating speeches are not permitted. Nominations shall be made on election day by a member making the nominations as follows:
 - a. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer;
 - b. Wait for recognition before speaking;
 - c. State your name, title, Chapter name and number;
 - d. Give the name and Chapter name and number of the member being nominated and the office for which the nomination is made.
19. Nominations do not require a second.
20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.
21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.
22. No food or drinks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

**SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

**Beaumont, Texas
July 26 – 29, 2012**

**“The Faith, Family and Friends”
130TH SESSION**

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012

7:00 PM INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS DINNER, Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Chairman
Pappadeaux’s, Walden Road at IH 10 West. (By Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012

9:00 AM - RECEPTION: Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Associate Grand Matron and the
11:00 AM 2012-2013 Installed Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. William A. Crews, Associate
Grand Patron. Location: Holiday Inn and Suites, IH-10 at Walden Road, (By
Invitation Only)

10:00 AM PAST GRANDS OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING:
Mrs. Alma Bane, RWGS and PGM, President Location: Elegante’ Hotel,
Fountainview Ballroom.

11:30 AM *“DOWN BY THE BAYOU”* Past Grand Matrons And Past Grand Patrons Luncheon:
Honoring General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members and Past
Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Alma Bane,
RWGS and PGM. Location: Elegante’ Hotel, Fountainview Ballroom.

11:30 AM *“WE ARE FAMILY”* 2011-2012 Deputies Of Grand Chapter
Luncheon: Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. David B. Dibrell,
Worthy Grand Patron, Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter. Invited are:
Grand Examiners and Humanitarian Committee, Fraternal Correspondent,
Secretaries of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman:
Ms Terri Rozell Location: Elegante’ Hotel, Diplomat Room.

1:00PM HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:
3:00 PM Location: Elegante’ Hotel

2:00 PM- HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:
4:00 PM Mrs. Georgia Campbell, Chairman, Location: Elegante’ Hotel, Room 218

2:00 PM PAGO RECEPTION: Chairman, JoAnn Drescher
(Location to be determined)

5:00 PM- RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

6:00 PM Honoring the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members. Hosted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. (Open to this group only) (Formal) Hostesses: District Deputy Grand Matrons. Fountainview Ballroom.

7:00 PM *"FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE"* General Banquet:

Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. John Grobler, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. James Brumit, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and recognizing Installed Officers and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. (Open to Membership) (Formal). Chairman: Mr. Nelson Campbell, PGP. Location: Elegante' Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012

6:30AM *"A WORLD OF FRIENDSHIP"* Grand Representatives Breakfast:

8:30 AM Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Phyllis Macon, President IGRA. (Open to Grand Representatives and former Grand Representatives) Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, Chairman. Location: Elegante' Hotel Grand Ballroom

8:00 AM HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

10:00 AM Mrs. Georgia Campbell, Chairman; Elegante' Hotel, Room 218

8:00 AM HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

10:00 AM Location: Elegante' Hotel

9:30 AM *"IRISES AND ORCHIDS"* 2010-2011 Grand Family Brunch:

Honoring Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron and Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Past Grand Patron. Invited are the 2010-2011 Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Fraternal Correspondent, Humanitarian Committee, Treasured Sister, Grand Chapter Mom and Dad, Traveling Secretaries. Chairman: Mrs. Cindy Newbury. Location: Elegante' Hotel, Fountainview Ballroom.

9:00 AM - SUITE FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

11:00 AM Mrs. Georgia Campbell, Chairman. Location: Jefferson Room, Ford Arena

7:00 PM *"GRAND CHAPTER FOLLIES"* ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION:

Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Melynda Geisenschlag. Location; Holiday Inn and Suites, Ballroom.

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012

- 6:30 AM *"REUNION OF THE BUSY BEES"* Secretaries' and Treasurers' Breakfast:
Honoring Mrs. Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary and Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer. Hosted by the Secretaries' and Treasurer's Association of Texas. Annual meeting with election of Officers for the Association. Chairman: Jack Beall, Location: Elegante' Hotel Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 AM- SUITE FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:
11:00 AM Mrs. Georgia Campbell, Chairman
Location: Ford Arena, Jefferson Room.
- Noon *"HATS OFF TO THE DYNAMIC DUO"* Luncheon:
Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron and David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron Chairman: Mrs. Tonya Wilson. Location: Elegante' Hotel, Grand Ballroom
- Noon *"MEMORY MAKERS TURN THE PAGE"* Luncheon:
Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. William A. Crews, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Judy Brian. Location: Holiday Inn and Suites, Austin/Dallas Rooms (Open to Membership)
- Noon *"GOLDEN LINKS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS"* Luncheon:
Honoring Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Grand Conductress with Special Guest, Mr. Wonderful. Chairman: Mrs. Beverly Block. Location: Elegante' Hotel, Fountainview Ballroom (Open to Membership)
- Noon *"FANS OF FRIENDSHIP"* Luncheon:
Honoring Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Patricia Labossier. Location: Holiday Inn and Suites, Houston/San Antonio Rooms
- 5:30 PM *"DAISIES ROCK IN DISTRICT ONE"* Banquet:
Honoring Mr. David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary, Ms Jo D. Dibrell, Grand Adah; Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Grand Esther; Mrs. Sue Shoemaker, Grand Martha. Recognizing the General Grand Chapter Family and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas in District One. Chairman: Mrs. Marion Pierce. Location: Holiday Inn and Suites, Houston/San Antonio Rooms. (Open to Membership)
- 5:30 PM *"ROCKING ACROSS TEXAS"* DISTRICT TWO BANQUET:
Honoring Mrs. Faye Percy, Grand Organist. Recognizing the General Grand Chapter Family and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas in District Two. Chairman: Mrs. Kay Hale.
Location: Elegante' Hotel, Diplomat Room (Open to Membership)

- 5:30 PM *“SHINING STARS OF THE FUTURE”* DISTRICT THREE BANQUET:
 Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Associate Grand Matron; Mr. William A. Crews, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Conductress, Ms Jerre Miller, Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Adele Isaacs, Grand Electa. Recognizing the General Grand Chapter Family and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas in District Three. Chairman: Mrs. Judy Baker. Location: Holiday Inn and Suites, Austin/Dallas Rooms. (Open to Membership)
- 5:30 PM *“DAISIES DO TELL”* DISTRICT FOUR BANQUET:
 Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Marialice Bailey, Grand Ruth. Recognizing the General Grand Chapter Family and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas in District Four. Chairman: Mrs. Jeanette Davis, DGM. D4, S6. Location: Elegante’ Hotel, Grand Ballroom
- 5:30 PM *“THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES”* DISTRICT FIVE BANQUET:
 Honoring Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Gay Carnes, Grand Warder and Mr. George Gwaltney, Grand Sentinel. Recognizing the General Grand Chapter Family and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas in District Five. Mrs. Jane Hudson, Chairman, Holiday Inn and Suites, Atrium

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2012

- 6:30 AM *“WHITE SPORT COATS AND PINK CARNATIONS”* Breakfast:
 Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. William A. Crews, Associate Grand Patron.
 Chairman: Mrs. Judy Tucker. Location: Holiday Inn and Suites, Ballroom

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2012 (New Daytime Wear)

- 8:00 AM *“BRIGHT BEGINNINGS”* Breakfast:
 Honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Associate Conductresses of District Four, Section 2
 Location: Elegante’ Hotel Ballroom. (Open to Membership)

GENERAL INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS HOTELS

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron	Elegante' Hotel
Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron	Holiday Inn Plaza Hotel
Distinguished Guests	Marriott Courtyard

GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS

	Ford Arena
Thursday Informal Opening	12:00 Noon
Thursday Ceremonial Opening	1:00 PM
Friday Morning - Business Session	8:15 AM
Friday Afternoon - Business Session	1:30 PM
Humanitarian Program and Drill	
Friday Evening	
ESTARL Program	7:30 PM
Memorial Program	
Saturday Morning - Business and Elections Session	8:15 AM

REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

Wednesday – Ford Arena	1:00 PM
Thursday – Ford Arena	7:30 AM
Friday – Ford Arena	7:30 AM
Saturday – Ford Arena	7:30 AM

Registration of Voting Delegates for their Credentials closes promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 28, 2012. Registration for Non-Voting Delegates closes at 10:00 A.M. Ballots are not transferable, and if lost, will not be replaced. Please sign your Ballot envelope immediately upon receipt.

A valid Receipt for Dues or Demit, and Registration Badges are required for admittance to each Grand Chapter Session.

All General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are invited to be seated in Section of the Arena designated.

REPORTS

All reports must be brief, concise, and contain only pertinent facts, and three copies, typewritten, double spaced and handed to the Grand Secretary after adoption. Time and cost of printing will not permit lengthy “Thank You” messages. Reports will be limited to three minutes.

Chairmen — Please be available until your report has been given. Please watch the progress of the reports, as you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled. The General Chairman, or Co-Chairman in the absence of the General Chairman, will introduce the District Chairmen, ask the members of the Committee to stand during the report, and read the report. After the report is read, the Chairman will move the adoption of the report. After approval of the report, a picture will be taken of the General Chairman, Co-Chairman, and District Chairman with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

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Scheduled Pictures (all pictures will be taken in the East at the front of the stage)

Floor Officers and their Personal Pages Formal Attire
Immediately after Thursday Afternoon Session

Floor Officers and their Personal Pages Daytime Attire
Immediately following the Friday Afternoon Session

NOTE: Individual or group photos may be scheduled with the Photographer directly.

DRILLS and SPECIAL FORMATIONS

All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons of Chapters which are 100% or more in participation in the 2011-2012 Humanitarian Program are invited to participate in our “Faith, Family and Friends” Humanitarian Drill on **Friday Afternoon** at 1:30 PM. Please be seated in the area designated for WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS in the West. You are invited to wear your Grand Chapter attire or your Subordinate Chapter attire. The Gentlemen are requested to wear a DARK Suit or a Tuxedo.

FIRST AID

First Aid rooms will be available during all sessions at Ford Arena. Arrangements First Aid Committee members will be on duty for all sessions.

SAFETY

As a safety measure, we ask you to always walk in groups — never walk alone, in going to and from Ford Arena and the Hotels.

GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE - EXAMINATION ROOM

THURSDAY, July 26, 2012

8:00 AM EXAMINATION ROOM OPEN: Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large.
10:00 AM Location: Ford Arena, Chambers Room.

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012

8:00 AM EXAMINATION ROOM OPEN: Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large.
9:00 AM Location: Ford Arena, Chambers Room.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2012

8:00 AM EXAMINATION ROOM OPEN: Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large.
9:30 AM Location: Ford Arena, Chambers Room.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND PERSONAL PAGES

Grand Officer

Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron

David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron

Annette Curry
Associate Grand Matron

William A. "Bill" Crews
Associate Grand Patron

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer

Jayne Yenger
Grand Conductress

Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand Conductress

Jerre Miller
Grand Chaplain

Personal Page

Marion Pierce
Kay Hale
Judy Baker
Terri Rozell
Jane Hudson

Paul McLinn
Lawrence E. Tucker
Arris Whitehead

Konnie Harrell
Durinda Walker
Doreen Carden
Frances Kito

Dewey Teague
Larry Brown

Donna Kirkpatrick
Addie Taylor

Mary Brunet
Ethel Dammann

Jennifer Bodner
Neva Corbin
Susan Hall
Helen Sandeford

Elizabeth Timmons
Brenda Ruiz
Marion McAlister
Ann George

Jay Rhyan
Linda Koch
Peggy Miller

B. J. Corwin
Grand Marshal

Faye Percy
Grand Organist

Jo D. Dibrell
Grand Adah

Marialice Bailey
Grand Ruth

Marlene Dibrell
Grand Esther

Sue Shoemaker
Grand Martha

Adele Isaacs
Grand Electa

Gay Carnes
Grand Warder

George Gwaltney
Grand Sentinel

Shirley Arnold
Beverly Baumann

Mary Harvey
Beverly Hutton
D'Lois Bryson

Ande Shoults
Claire McLinn

Ruby Langley
Brenda McDaniel

Alys Newsom
Carolyn Schulze

Sarah Coursey
Iris Ball

Debra Perry
Nell Drenner
Wana Whitson

Robbie Lloyd
Joy Wilson

Thomas Beckley
Jeryl Foster

ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS AND SENTINELS

Betty Carter
T.E. "Gene" Carnes
V.H. "Vic" Christenson
Sam Cooper
Pat Cooper
Elizabeth Harrison
Randy Martin
Susan Martin
Mae Von Meyer
Susan Neuenschwander
Jerry Neuenschwander
Mary Raglin
Bill Viner
Gerda Weathers
Mike Whiteside
Doris Wyont
Abner Kestler

James Harrison
Linda James
Jill Keefer
Christy Kestler
Robbie Lloyd
Terry Miller
Lou Skidd
Rick Skidd
Skip Smith
Yvonne Smith
Angie Stearns
George Stearns
Sharon Viner
Joyce Whiteside
Joy Wilson
Jacquie Bovee-Sorell
Christy Kestler

GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS

Kathy Franks
Georgia Ptacek
Eric Wilson
Linda Koch
Jaye Rhyan

GRAND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST

Danny Caldwell

Trisha Henderson

Mary Harvey

2012 GRAND CHAPTER MUSICAL SELECTIONS

OPENING ODE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, Oh God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand Hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

O CANADA

O Canada, our home and native land
True patriot's love in all our sons command
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise
The true North brave and free
From far and wide, O Canada
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land, glorious and free
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

THE EYES OF TEXAS

The eyes of Texas are upon you
All the livelong day
The eyes of Texas are upon you
You cannot get away
Do not think you can escape them
At night or early in the morn'
The eyes of Texas are upon you
'Till Gabriel blows his horn!

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Nothing is impossible
when you put your trust in God.
Nothing is impossible
when you're resting in His Word,
Listen to the voice of God to thee,
"Is there anything too hard for me?"
Then put your trust in God alone and
rest upon His Word;
For everything, oh everything, yes,
everything is possible with God.

I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING

I'd like to build the world a home and
furnish it with love.
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtle doves.
I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony,
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company.
I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the hills
For Peace throughout the land.

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
There's just something
about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus,
like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away
But there's something about that name

THE FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad a part of the Family of God
I've been washed in the fountain
Cleansed by His blood.
Joint heirs with Jesus
as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the Family,
the Family of God.

You will notice we say
"Brother and Sister" 'round here.
It's because we're a family
and these folks are so near.
When one has a heartache,
We all share the tears
And rejoice in each victory
In this Family so dear.

WHEN YOU'RE SMILING

When you're smiling,
when you're smiling
The whole world smiles with you
When you're laughing,
when you're laughing
The sun comes shining through.
But when you're crying,
You bring on the rain
So stop your sighing
Be happy again.
Keep on smiling,
'cause when you're smiling,
The whole world smiles with you.

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General Banquet



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July 25, 2012
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Honoring

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Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter

With Special Guests

Mr. John E. Grobler
Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron GGC
Past Grand Patron of Washington

Mrs. Barbara White
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron GGC
Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

Greetings from General Grand Chapter

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Past Grand Patron of Texas

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Most Worthy Grand Matron GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Tribute to the Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Grand Esther
House of Gold Supreme Assembly IORG

Greetings from the Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron of Texas

Tribute to the Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Thomas F. Griffin
Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas
Past Grand Master Grand Lodge Texas A.F. & A.M.

Greetings from the Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron of Texas

Benediction

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Past Grand Patron of Texas

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Mr. Nelson Campbell	General Chairman
Mrs. Melody Haynes	Tickets
Mrs. Delois Richardson	Decorations
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Mrs. Jeanette Rife Cotton	Head Table Favors
	Programs & Name Cards

A special "Thank You" to everyone that helped to make this banquet what we had hoped for. Thank you is a phrase to express gratitude and I do

"Thank You" from the bottom of my heart.

I just want you to feel and hear those sincere words.

YOU ARE THE BEST!

Nelson Campbell, Banquet Chairman

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Music selections played by Mrs. Linda Love, Past Matron of Evandale Chapter #1111

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGP Nelson Campbell: Sisters and Brothers will y'all please take your seats. We're having a little trouble getting everybody seated so we can plan it out better if everybody will sit down. We have a few more minutes. And I would like to ask you at this time if you will place your tickets in the brown envelopes on your tables if you haven't already done so. And if you forgot your ticket for some reason, if you'll sign your envelope, that will be fine too. We'll get started here in just a few minutes. If you'll all find your places, we want to start promptly because the Worthy Grand Matron left me strictly in charge to start promptly.

Sisters and Brothers we are about to start the processional. I would ask everyone to be seated and please remain seated until I invite you to stand.

Good evening Sisters and Brothers and welcome to the Foundations of Life General Banquet and to the Grand Chapter of Texas. As time is of importance and with the permission of our Worthy Grand Matron our Processional will be limited. It is now my pleasure to present Brother David Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron escorted by his lovely wife, Sister Marlene Dibrell, Grand Esther. (Applause, standing ovation) I am now pleased to present to you our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Vi Griffin escorted by Mr. Ben Clegg, Executive Committee Chairman. (Applause, standing ovation)

At this time, will the three Honorees for the evening please stand and I think you know who you are. Sister Rennie? Now Sisters and Brothers will you please stand at this time and give them a hearty welcome. (Applause) Would you remain standing please and let us salute the symbol of Freedom, the Stars and Stripes, as the Worthy Grand Patron leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. (Everyone says the Pledge of Allegiance and then sang the National Anthem)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committees, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and other Grand Jurisdictions, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Distinguished Members of other Grand Jurisdictions and Texas, my Sisters and Brothers: We are so very honored to have each of you present. Now protocol has been established for the evening. (Applause)

Sister Vi, our Worthy Grand Matron, has given me the honor and privilege of being your Master of Ceremonies for this evening for the foundations of Life General Banquet. It is an honor and I appreciate Sister Vi's confidence in me.

This really is an exceptional occasion when the Most Worthy Grand Matron graces our Grand Chapter with her presence and we assure her that we are grateful and pleased to have her with us. We wish her good health and all the success she desires for the remainder of her term of office.

And now to bring you your official welcome is a lady who is very special to all of us who claim District Four as our home. This lovely lady presided over her own Grand Chapter just a few years ago right here in Beaumont. She is now the Right Worthy Grand Organist and the list goes on and on. I am happy to present Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry, Right Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Rosie we await your words of welcome. (Applause)

RWGO/PGM Rosemary Swetland: Thank you Master of Ceremonies Brother Nelson Campbell. What a sweet honor has been given to me this evening by Brother Nelson, Sister Vi to greet you in Beaumont to begin our Session. Let me tell you first of all there is always the rights and wrongs of things but I'm not Right. I'm just Worthy Grand Organist. (Laughter) So I wanted to clarify that first. That's okay Brother Nelson. I'm just an appointed but boy Sister Rennie, do I love what you've appointed. I love the playing. Yes, Brother Nelson is correct, District Four is my home District. I presided over the 113th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas in Beaumont in 1996. And it flooded. (Laughter) And Dr. Effie Mae Davis welcomed you lovely with her quacking. (Laughter) Now most of you may not remember that because that was back some time ago. But I had a beautiful mentor in the Grand Chapter of Texas. Her name was Cynthia May Watts. She presided over the 1943-44 Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. And Sister Cynthia May taught me well and she said, "When you get up to that microphone to say something, don't take your notes with you". Well, what I've learned over the years, I don't have any notes, but sometimes when you stand up to say something, your brain sits down. (Laughter) But this is a joy. A beautiful evening for our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron and we honor them for the offices that they hold. We pray for them for a beautiful Session here and a Session in Fort Worth in 3½ or 4 months. But we thank you for your presence; we recognize your time is limited. We recognize the expense of Grand Chapter, the gas and everything that contributes to getting here, but we hope you will enjoy your evening. We hope that you will enjoy the rest of the Grand Chapter of Texas Session. And with the blessings of God, may peace abide in your hearts. Thank you.

Brother Nelson Campbell: Thank you Sister Rosie. To bring you the response to the welcome I invite Sister Barbara White better known as "Bobbi," our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron who comes to us from the White House in Virginia, but I believe it is "By-God West Virginia."

RWAGM Bobbi White: Well Sister Rosemary, you can see I have my notes and I also have my glasses. Thank you Nelson for the honor of responding to the gracious welcome Sister Rosemary gave us at this Foundations of Life Banquet. It is a great pleasure to visit with you all once again in Texas. I've attended your Grand Chapter many times, in many cities all over

Texas and yes I was here in Beaumont at the 113th Session when the flood occurred. I was Worthy Grand Marshal at the time and maybe the number 13 had something to do with that flood. Your members have gathered from all over your state and other jurisdictions to hear of the many accomplishments of this past year. You are off to a rousing start with this lovely banquet this evening. Worthy Grand Matron, those in charge did you proud. I hope you are pleased. It is always a joy to be with you in Texas and especially once more before the General Grand Chapter Assembly when your Sister Rennie Ofton will preside as the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Rennie it has been a joy to work with you for the past 15 years as we progressed from Trustee to the General Grand Chapter line and we've learned a lot. I think probably from each other, I know you have taught me a lot. I hope you learned a little bit of something from me. But we did our business, we had fun, we played cards a little now and then all over the world. Doing a lot of travelling in our positions and seeing a lot of the world around us, running into many humorous situations. Sister Rennie was telling me about one kind of humorous situation that was right in her back door. She was telling me about a cowboy that was on his roundup down her way and he needed a place to sleep. And this rancher said he didn't have any extra beds and the cowboy would have to sleep with his beautiful young daughter. So when they went to bed that night she piled three pillows between them on the bed and told him to stay on his side. The next morning when he woke up and was getting ready to leave, she was already gone and was outside doing chores. When he got out he saw her and he said "Just wait a minute and I'll come over and give you a goodbye kiss". She looked at him and said "If you couldn't make it over three pillows, you ain't never gonna get that fence". (Laughter) Have a good evening. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Brother Nelson Campbell: Thank you Sister Bobbi. We are taught in Masonry that before entering upon any great undertaking to always go to the Lord in prayer. I now invite Sister Karen Morgenthaler, a Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring our invocation.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Sisters and Brothers, if you will, please take the hand to the person sitting next to you. Our most gracious and Heavenly Father, tonight we come to thee at the close of this day and the beginning of the night to thank you for all things. But particularly to thank you for those of thy children here assembled. Come, be a welcomed guest in our midst. And may all that we do and say be pleasing unto thee. Amen

Brother Nelson Campbell: Thank you Sister Karen for your beautiful prayer. At this time we will have dinner.

(Dinner)

Brother Nelson Campbell: Please continue eating but in the essence of time we will begin introductions. The next person I will present to you is a friend that Georgia and I started traveling with in 1996. She is one we have always had confidence in and one who has always been supportive of our endeavors in Eastern Star. Whenever I have needed help in Eastern Star she has always been there to help me along so tonight she continues that role and will help me by doing introductions. I present to you Sister Elizabeth Wise, Vice Chairman of our Board of Directors. (Applause)

Sister Elizabeth Wise: Thank you Master of Ceremonies for your kind words. Georgia and

you have been a special part of our lives for almost 25 years and we love both of you as a true Sister and Brother. Protocol having been established, I would like to thank Brother Nelson for asking me to bring introductions this evening and to say how much I have enjoyed working with you on other events and of course, this is no exception. The membership wants you to know that we appreciate all that you do for us. I will ask that you hold your applause until each category is introduced.

It is my honor to introduce our number one “Rocking Horse” for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Sister Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband Tommy, Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas. Brother Tommy is also Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and Brother David Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Marlene, Grand Esther and she is also Supreme Nature, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Brother David is also Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Join me in telling them how much we appreciate their dedication to our Order. (Applause)

And it is certainly an honor for us to have two very special ones, Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Brother John E. Gobler, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington and his Wife Barbara, Grand Escort to the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron. Join me in showing our appreciation for their love for this Order. (Applause)

Tonight we have in attendance very special members, Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter members. Please hold your applause until all have been introduced.

Sister Bobbi White, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

Sister Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and her husband, Dr. Bill Bane, Associate Grand Patron of Washington D.C. and International Headquarters Administrator

Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

Sister Elizabeth H, Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and a Past Grand Matron of Vermont

Sister Rosemary S. Berry, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and her husband, John, Grand Escort to the General Grand Chapter Officer

Sister Marilyn Woods, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of Missouri

Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther and a Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Let us tell these distinguished members how much we appreciate their dedication and service to General Grand Chapter. (Applause)

It is my pleasure to introduce the Executive Committees of General Grand Chapter. Please hold your applause until all have been introduced.

Sister Sharon Fentress, Housing Co-Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Sister Betty Y. Friend, Social Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas and her husband Jack, Grand Escort

Brother Henry Martin, General Chairman, Executive Committee and Past Grand Patron

of Texas and his wife, Opal, General Grand Chapter Cardinal Crew Committee
Brother H. Lee Stallings, Finance Committee Chairman and Past Grand Patron of
Texas and his wife, Patricia, General Grand Chapter Cardinal Crew Committee
Brother Jerry Trees, Housing Committee Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Texas
and his wife, Janell, General Grand Chapter Cardinal Crew Committee and
Registration Committee, Grand Chapter of Texas
Please show your appreciation to these dedicated hard working members. (Applause)

It is my pleasure to introduce the following General Grand Chapter Committees.
Sister Shirley Colson, Ambassador to Northern Italy and a Past Grand Matron of
Virginia and her husband Peter, Grand Escort
Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Cancer Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas
Sister Doris Hester, Credentials Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas
Sister Julie Birrer, Eastern Star Journal Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming.
Sister Alma Carter, Registration Committee, U. S. Chairman and a Past Grand Matron
of Texas
Sister Joyce Gilbert, Youth Committee, U. S. Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas
Brother Jerry Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his
wife, Betty, General Grand Chapter Cardinal Crew Committee
Brother Ed Warner, General Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee and a Past Grand
Patron of Texas and his wife Beulah, Grand Escort
Brother Edward Lamkin, Chapter Restoration Committee and a Past Grand Patron of
Louisiana and his wife Linda, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana
Brother Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas
and his wife, Judy, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3, Grand Chapter of
Texas
Brother David Flaxington, Credentials Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Rhode
Island and his wife, Sandra
Brother Bill Ryan, Registration Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Arizona and his
wife, Jay, Grand Page to the Grand Chaplain of Texas
Brother Ira Payne, Service Dog Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Arkansas and
his wife, Mavis, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas
Brother J. R. "Buck" Denny, Shriners Charities Committee and a Past Grand Patron of
Louisiana and his wife, Joye, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana
Join me in showing them our appreciation for their dedicated work. (Applause)
We have also Sister Elsie Paladino, Appeals and Grievance Committee General Grand
Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please welcome her. (Applause)

This evening in attendance we have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from
other Grand Jurisdictions.
Sister Brenda K. Stull, Grand Chapter of Kentucky and her husband, John, Past Grand
Patron of Kentucky
Sister Shirley Boone, Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Sister Melissa Griffin, Grand Chapter of Oklahoma
Brother Gene Cagle, Grand Chapter of Louisiana and his wife, Norma, Grand Chapter
Princess
Join me in welcoming these honored guests. (Applause)

We are honored to have in attendance Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sister Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas

Sister Andrea Storzjohann, Idaho

Sister Audrey Barker, Louisiana and her husband, George, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana

Sister Terri C. Castay, Louisiana and currently serving as Grand Secretary and her husband, Willis

Sister Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana

Sister Joy Beth Williams, Louisiana

Sister Virginia Vandervest, Minnesota

Sister Bettie Bywater, Nevada

Sister Beverly Boyett, Oklahoma

Sister Margie McConnell, Oklahoma and her husband, Warren, Past Patron

Brother Oscar Abshire, Louisiana and his wife, Marilyn, Past Matron

Brother John Harrist, Louisiana and his wife, Donna, Grand Chapter Committee Member

Brother James Premeaux, Louisiana and his wife, Lois, Past Matron

Please welcome these special ones. (Applause)

It is my honor and privilege to introduce the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Please hold your applause until all have been introduced.

Sister Elise Hammack

Sister Betty Benham

Sister Effie Mae Davis

Sister Joyce Nicklas

Sister Mary Ruth White and her husband, Joe, Grand Representative of Arkansas in Texas

Brother Nelson Campbell and his wife, Georgia, General Grand Chapter Cardinal Crew Committee and Arrangements, Distinguished Guests Chairman

Brother Ray Hertenberger and his wife, Vicki, Grand Escort

Brother Bill Wyatt and his wife, Ann, Arrangements Distinguished Guests

Sisters and Brothers, join me in showing these distinguished members how truly loved they are. (Applause)

Tonight we have in attendance, Installed Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions and it is my pleasure to introduce from the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas, Brother Jerry Harrell, Grand Sentinel and his wife, Paula, Grand Escort.

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky, Brother Robby Binion, Grand Warder and his wife, Vicky, Deputy Grand Matron.

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, Sister Laura Hider, Grand Chaplain and Sister Watha Shanks, Grand Warder

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana, Sister Lynn McNary, Associate Grand Matron

Brother Otto C. Beverly, Associate Grand Patron and his wife Judith, Past Matron

Sister Pamela Gill, Grand Conductress

Sister Kathy Warmack, Associate Grand Conductress

Sister Danneda Perkins, Grand Chaplain and her husband Roy, Grand Chapter Committee Member

Sister Martha Jo Schexneider, Grand Marshal

Sister Martha Proche, Grand Adah and her husband Richard, Disaster Assist.

Sister Geri Rose, Grand Ruth
Sister Dolly Permenter, Grand Esther
Sister Joy Carter, Grand Martha
Sister Wanda Hagemeyer, Grand Electa
Brother Dennie Boyt, Grand Warder
Brother Gerald Houston, Grand Sentinel

Please join me in welcoming our visiting friends. (Applause)

It is my pleasure to introduce the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members from Texas.

Sister Annette Curry, Associate Grand Matron
Brother Bill Crews, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife, Kathey, Grand Escort
Sister Jayne Yenger, Grand Conductress
Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Conductress and her husband, Darrell,
Grand Escort
Sister Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary
Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer
Sister Jerre Miller, Grand Chaplain
Sister B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal
Sister Faye Percy, Grand Organist
Sister Jo D. Dibrell, Grand Adah
Sister Marialice Bailey, Grand Ruth
Sister Sue Shoemaker, Grand Martha
Sister Adele Isaacs, Grand Electa
Sister Gay Carnes, Grand Warder and her husband, Gene, Grand Escort
Brother Gene is also a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Lodge
of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Brother George Gwaltney, Grand Sentinel and his wife, Nannette, Grand Escort

From the Board of Directors

Brother Keith Mikeworth, Chairman, District 2, and his wife, Wanelle, Faithful
Friends
Sister Tonya Foster, Secretary, District 1, and her husband, Charlie, Ritualistic
Competition
Sister Lorraine Williams, District 3, and her husband, Jimmy, Ritualistic
Competition
Sister Gerry Sturtz, District 4
Brother Ron Zipp, District 5, and his wife, Sandra, Board of Grand Examiners,
District 5

From the Board of Grand Examiners

Sister Melissa Hudman, District 1, and her husband, Richard, Arrangements,
First Aid
Sister Carla Stringer, District 2
Sister Donna Pope, District 3
Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, District 4, and her husband, Gary
Sister Susan Bigham, At-Large

Join me in thanking this distinguished group for their dedicated service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

There are two very special members of Grand Chapter I would like to recognize at this time. Sister Edna Goette, widow of Dr. James Goette, Past Grand Patron of Texas and Brother Floyd Green, widower of Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please welcome these two that we love so much. (Applause)

We will stop the introductions at this point and say that each of you is a distinguished member and we are certainly happy that you have all joined us. That we may have more time for the remainder of the program and in view of the fact that we all have busy days ahead and will need to rest, our Worthy Grand Matron has chosen to abbreviate these introductions. Thank you. (Applause)

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Sister Elizabeth for a beautiful job of introductions. At this time I would like to thank all who played a part in making this Banquet possible. Would you please stand? Without you I would never have gotten through this. So please stand, y'all don't be bashful. There's some more in here that are just being shy. Thank y'all so much and I owe you big time. Please help me show them our appreciation. (Applause)

At this time I would like to present to you a young lady who I had the privilege of initiating into Eastern Star about 5 years ago in Silsbee, Texas. Since then she dualled with Texas City Chapter and I was honored to be her Installing Officer this year when she advanced to the East in Texas City Chapter. We are sharing her with Texas City but I want you to know that her roots are very very deep in that sandy soil just North of Silsbee, Texas under those tall pine trees. I now present to you Sister Patricia Faltsek who will share her talents with us by singing a couple selections.

(She sang "Let This Be Our Prayer" and "When He was on the Cross, I was on His Mind")
(Applause)

Thank you so much Sister Pat for sharing your talents with us. You certainly have touched our hearts and souls with the songs you brought us. Thank you.

I now want to thank Sister Linda Love for the Musical Prelude before we got started and for the music in between. Isn't she great? Thank you Sister Linda. (Applause)

At this time I have a few presentations to make. Sister Vi, on behalf of your Executive Committee and this Banquet Committee we would like to present you with this. Brother David Dibrell on behalf of the Executive Committee and Banquet Committee. Sister Rennie on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Banquet Committee. Brother John Grobler on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Banquet Committee. (Each was handed a love gift).

As we all know, one of the duties of the Associate Patron is to assume the duties of the Worthy Patron if the need arises. This is true in our local Chapters, it's true in our Grand Chapters and it's true in General Grand Chapter. Well, the need did arise and Brother John Grobler stepped up to perform the duties of the Most Worthy Grand Patron and for that we

will be forever grateful. Brother John, please accept our warm Texas welcome as we await your Greetings from General Grand Chapter.

AMWGP John Grobler: Thank you Brother Nelson for asking me to bring Greetings on behalf of the General Grand Chapter. It is indeed a pleasure to be here with all of you, with all of you all, y'all (Laughter and applause) this evening. Well, dinner was very good and I thank you for asking us to share this time with ...y'all. It is a pleasure to share this time with MWGM Sister Rennie and all of y'all other distinguished guests being honored here this evening. (Laughter) We arrived in Texas on Tuesday evening and I said to Barbara "Boy is it hot here in Texas". (Audience "How hot is it?") It is so hot that the birds have to use pot holders to pull the worms out of the ground. It is so hot, the potatoes cook underground and all you have to do to have lunch, is pull one out of the ground, and add butter and salt and pepper. It is so hot that farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hardboiled eggs. It is so hot, the cows are giving evaporated milk. (Laughter) Those who serve our order in the positions of leadership and hospitality such as those being honored this evening, deserve our support and recognition. Thank you all for your service to our Order. Thank you for your generous hospitality, your friendship and the wonderful meal. It is great to be here. Barbara and I are looking forward to enjoying the rest of your session. Thank you very much. (Applause)

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Brother John. Our next speaker comes to us from San Antonio. He has worked with and for our Most Worthy Grand Matron probably as much or more than anyone else present. Brother Jerry Trees we await your tribute to the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

PGP Jerry Trees: Well, now is my chance Rennie. (Laughter) Protocol having been established we won't go through that long list again. And I would thank Brother Nelson for giving me the opportunity to give a tribute to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton. This lady is very special to me and to my wife. She is kind of like a mother to us. And so, I kind of had to watch what I wrote down. (Laughter) I bring this tribute to a true lady, a wonderful person, to one we admire and love. She is a lady who is large in spirit and wisdom and extremely dedicated to the tenets and principals of our great organization. She has achieved much success and respect in Eastern Star and in her life. Her voice is very gentle, sweet and low; an excellent attribute in a lady. But you, my lady, are excellent in so many other ways. You have always been to me the epitome of the virtues of the heroines our Order. You have exemplified fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and most of all love throughout your life. Your poise, your dignity, and your understanding have won all of our hearts. You know, I keep referring to the word Lady. I tried to persuade Kenny Rogers to come tonight and sing his hit song, 'Lady', but when I notified him he told me he already had an engagement at the Casino in Eagle Pass. (Laughter) I guess we'll have to try another time but he did however send his best wishes, Sister Rennie. Sister Rennie's fraternal life actually started with her initiation into the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Because of moving, she never received her Marriage Majority but at the last session of Grand Assembly, she was honored to receive this Majority. She was initiated into Harlandale Chapter and served in many offices in her subordinate Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas. She was honored to serve as Deputy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron and Grand Examiner At-Large and she was elected Associate Grand Conductress in 1975. During the 1978-79 year, the Cardinals and the Red Birds took flight as she served as

Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Duke Weaver. She reached the dream of her life when she was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We are extremely proud of all of her accomplishments. She is a dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and is also an active member in her church. Service is the name of the game as far as Sister Rennie is concerned. She has proven her dedication and loyalty to that which is good by giving unselfishly to her family, Order of the Eastern Star, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, her community and her church. One of the things I remember Sister Rennie telling us is that we are a happy organization. And we are happy because we work together. We care about each other and most of all we care about what we are doing. We are members of the most wonderful organization in the world. Where men and women work together and come together as a family. We come together to do good things for the world. Sister Rennie as we honor you this evening, your name is spoken with pride and we want you to remember as you journey through the labyrinth of life, we will always love you. Thank you. (Applause)

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Brother Jerry. The best way to introduce our Most Worthy Grand Matron is to share her recipe for life with you. Every morning without fail this is what she does:

She takes 2 heaping cups of patience, then she adds one heart full of love, 2 hands full of generosity, with a dash of laughter and she never forgets to add one head full of understanding. She then adds plenty of Faith and mixes well. She spreads this over a period of a lifetime and then serves everyone she meets. I now give you our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Rennie Ofton. (Applause)

MWGM Rennie Ofton: My Goodness! Master of Ceremonies, all you wonderful people, all y'all. Just to look around this room, I know I would not be here if it were not for you, your nurturing and the things which you have done for me through the years. Eastern Star is a way of life. I know our preacher one time said something in his sermon, he said "Who are you?" Well of course he gave the connotation of "You are a child of God saved by his loving grace." Well, I am often asked "What are we as Eastern Stars?" We are wonderful people, and you've heard me say this, doing good things for good reasons and now, where I am right now, it's throughout the world, I used to say all around us. And that's a way of life that makes life better. Life is good and the more that we give, the more we get and that's where I am right now. I'm just overcome I tell you. And Jerry, thank you. You didn't tell everything and I appreciate it. (Laughter) Jerry and Janell know an awful lot of things about me and I thought oh, geez. (Laughter) But I do appreciate that and you know we used to have Lois Bell and she always said "I'm not sure about that all you're saying but it listens awful good". Thank you so much. And you know, this gift, I appreciate that so much Brother Nelson and the Committee and I congratulate our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. If the rest of our Session will be even half as good as this evening, just think how wonderful it's going to be. All of us have been in here talking to each other, the noise level was high until we got our food then it went down a little bit. But it was because we were enjoying each other. So where were you? You are in Eastern Star and you belong to one of the greatest organizations where you find these five points of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love in abundance. The more you give, the more you get back. These days where there aren't too many things you can really put your hopes in and see them happen or different things – just look what we have; we see each other just frequently enough maybe not to remember all the names, but you never heard so much "Honey," "Oh it's good to see you

darling,” “Well wonderful!” That’s ‘cause we love you, we don’t remember your name (Laughter) but we know you are a wonderful person because you are in Eastern Star. And certainly being in Eastern Star when I think of all the things it has done in my life. Paul and I joined in 1955 and up until that time, I didn’t know how to spell Eastern Star. He was a Mason but he had just come back from war and you know I, not knowing him very long and I didn’t understand his Masonic Order. But we joined Eastern Star together. We had a wonderful 54 years together. He did take out 4 or 5 years I think, to become Master of his Lodge but then he decided to come back with the girls, which I liked. But he was a strong supporter and I’m sorry that he is not here to enjoy all the things that I am right now but I’m sure he’s hearing them. I hope he heard all that, Jerry, so he knows I’m behaving. But I want you to know that each one of you here, some of you I have just met for the first time because I haven’t been around for the last two years and you’d be surprised how many new members are here and that makes me feel even better because I know, okay, I don’t know them but I’ll get to know them after November. I hope to get out more and see my homefolks. And I’m looking forward to being with all of you more but most of all I see strength here. Strength in the beliefs of our Order, strength in the people who are serving and strength in our ability to turn around the things that are more or less plaguing us right now. Yes, we are losing a few members but sometimes that happens and we have people here many of you belong to a couple of chapters to help the other chapters. Many of you take Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron for several years and you rest a year, then you go back because you love the Order. And many of us are bonded together for the love of the Order. So again, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and to all of you here, I want to thank you for, I guess I can say, loving me. A lot of you tell me that and I just get a feeling of warmth when I’m around all of you because I know it’s true and I want you to know that little poem says: “Great or Small, Praise the Lord, I love all y’all”. (Laughter) Thank you so much for all of this and the gift and most of all, just letting me be a part of you. I love you all. (Applause and standing ovation).

PGP Nelson Campbell: You have all heard the saying that “behind every successful man is a loving and devoted wife”. It is much easier for a man to be successful if his wife supports him in all his activities. That’s exactly what our Worthy Grand Patron has had from his lovely wife Sister Marlene Dibrell. Sister Marlene we await your Tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Marlene Dibrell: Thank you Master of Ceremonies Nelson and thank you also for so graciously establishing protocol for us this evening. When the Master of Ceremonies asked the Worthy Grand Matron “Who knows you best?”, the Worthy Grand Matron asked David to have someone to bring greetings and I suppose I’m the one that knows him best so I do have the privilege to pay Tribute to David Benton Dibrell, our Worthy Grand Patron and our Distinguished Gentleman. But I do believe that the man that I know is no different than the man you know and that my words are only a reflection of those words of honor and respect that would be voiced by Masons, fraternal friends and personal friends who have known and worked alongside of David Dibrell for some forty years in the Masonic Family. In our family we believe that God has a plan and how blessed I have been that God placed this young man in my life in high school. David and I married as high school sweethearts and we will be celebrating some fifty years of marriage next month. A man of faith and a devoted family man, David has always placed our family uppermost in his caring nature. Daughters Jo D. and Jill and son-in-law, Brian and our two grandsons Steven and Benton are the treas-

ures in his life, in our lives, and we enjoy loving relationships as a close knit family, a blessing beyond measure. It was another blessing for him to be asked to serve alongside Sister Vi Griffin in this Eastern Star journey. There is a time and place for all things and this would be considered by David and by me as one of life's greatest joys. Some twenty five beautiful years of friendship with Vi and Tommy is another of those blessings which cannot be measured but certainly are treasured. When Larry Tucker brought the Tribute to the Worthy Grand Patron at the Mr. X Banquet, he did not dwell on the Masonic résumé rather he talked about the man well known to each of us as a person who takes action. David does not look around and see things that need attention; he sees jobs and tasks that need to be completed or problems that need to be solved. He is that person who does something accurately, completely and in a timely manner. He is a true optimist. He is a happy person with a keen sense of humor, a dry sense of humor and sometimes after these many years of marriage, he will say something and though I think I know what he means, and I'm looking at the twinkle in his eye, I do turn around and say "What?" (Laughter) David is also described as a person with energy and enthusiasm that just seems boundless. And it is that enthusiasm that has given us in Eastern Star what we need most. He has been that leader that has taken dreams and made them a reality, the reality of building our Eastern Star organization and achieving goals for the future of this great Order. As an avid genealogist David proudly traces his Masonic history to 1792 where Anthony Dibrell was a member of Buckingham Union Lodge in Virginia. So he's proud to be holding that mantle passed on to him through continuous generations of Masonry to that of his father and now his own Masonic memberships. David began his service to Grand Lodge in 1989. His charge was to formulate and develop the Grand Lodge insurance program. He was the author of the Warden's retreat program first held in 1995. Both of these endeavors continue as strong programs still in place today. Among being State Coordinator for three or so Grand Masters, and other service in Grand Lodge all resulted in 2001 being the best year ever as he served the Grand Lodge of Texas as Grand Master of Masons in Texas. (PGP David Dibrell says that was a good year). That was a good year as we hear over here on the right. (Laughter) As we served with Dal-Cliff Chapter #574 as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, we served on various Eastern Star and Chapter Committees and you will remember that he was Grand Sentinel in 1990-1991 in the Grand Chapter year of Dr. Effie Mae Davis and Brother Graham Childress. Through the service of this Worthy Grand Patron we have continually seen the qualities of his dedication and commitment to our fraternal bodies. We have recognized him as an experienced leader, an enthusiastic Mason, a man of integrity, high moral values, proven accomplishments and achievements. David is a kind and gentle man, very aptly described as a Distinguished Gentleman. Yes David you are a Distinguished Gentleman but also significantly you are distinguished as a Christian Gentleman. L. Nelson Bell says it best: "Among other attributes, a Christian Gentleman is slow to lose patience. A Christian Gentleman will look for a way to be constructive even when provoked. A Christian Gentleman will think the best, not the worst of others. Above all else, a Christian Gentleman will exhibit the love of Christ in his heart and in his life." As a Distinguished Gentleman and a Christian Gentleman, David you will pass on the values of loyalty, faith, love and the treasures of friendship. Eastern Star history will recall your years of service as those of honor, kindness and outstanding leadership. We have learned from your example that we are writing a gospel, a chapter each day by the deeds that we do, the words that we say. Men will read what we have written, whether faulty or true. So we must ask ourselves, are we living that Eastern Star gospel that has been taught according to you. I offer this Tribute to David whom I'm proud to call my husband as well as my best friend. So I hope you will please join me in expressing your appre-

ciation and your admiration for David Benton Dibrell for his dedication for serving this Grand Chapter in the faithful manner for which he has served as a Distinguished Gentleman and as a Christian Gentleman. Thank you. (Applause)

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Sister Marlene. The Brother that I am about to introduce does not go about shouting his Masonry, yet he reveals the teachings and principles of the Institution. In his business dealings he always acts on the Square. He walks in quiet dignity. What he has, he willingly shares with others less fortunate; not because he seeks praise, or fears criticism, but he knows the joy of sharing. He believes in the glorious destiny of America. He is willing to speak out boldly and is not ashamed of being a Patriotic Citizen. What is Masonry? It is how our Worthy Grand Patron lives. Brother David we await your Greeting.

WGP David Dibrell: Wow, thank you Nelson. Thank you, Marlene. Thank you Nelson for establishing protocol. That's probably the greatest gift you have given to all of us here this evening. I'm really overwhelmed. It's such a wonderful evening. We thank you for the love gift, we thank you Patricia for the great music that you provided earlier. This has been a great day of fun and fellowship as we are preparing for your Grand Chapter Session tomorrow. It's wonderful to see so many of you here this evening. I thank you for all those kind words and thank you Marlene for that Tribute, it was really wonderful. You know that's all I can think of today is thank you. It seems to be a day of thanks. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Tommy, we thank you for allowing Marlene and I to make this journey with you. It's wonderful. It's like I said last night, we had a Grand Floor Officer dinner last night, we met Tommy and Vi when they were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Anahuac Chapter and we served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter so we were Club Brothers and Club Sisters. But we never in our wildest dreams thought that we would be here this evening. We never had any idea we would take this journey together. We had no idea we would take this journey, much less together. But you know, you made it happen. So, all I can say is thank you and we appreciate you asking Marlene and I to make this journey with you and Tommy. We thanked the Grand Floor Officers last night because each one of them has brought a special talent. Some were elected to this Grand Family and some were appointed. But we have all become a family over this year and we enjoyed having each person bring their special talent. I'm thankful for Marlene because she serves as Grand Esther. I had a Rainbow friend say this year that he has been in Eastern Star for 50 some odd years and he has always envisioned Esther, Queen Esther, as being a young woman who was beautiful, intelligent and dignified and the Grand Chapter of Texas finally got it right. (Laughter) What greater compliment can you have than for someone to say that you exemplified that station. You know, in preparing for this whole Session, I've spent a lot of time thinking about it and I have a feeling of gratitude because there are so many things, so many people I would like to say thank you to. I am one of those people that have to prepare remarks, Rosemary I can't just do it off the top of my head. I don't always say what I have written down but I've organized my thoughts so I don't become totally tongue tied and flustered when I get up here. It's always fun to think about a good plan and the two words that keep coming to my mind are thank you and I've tried to think of other ways, other words to say thank you but I cannot think of another way. We attended a Board meeting recently and Ron Zipp gave a devotional. It was about gratitude and he referred to a book by Nancy Lee DeMoss. It talked about gratitude and how we should always live gratitude in our daily lives. I was inspired by his devotional and after the meeting, he got away, we were in a hurry and

I didn't get to thank him. So, when I got home that day, I wrote him a note. You know I think we ought to take the time to write people notes when we ought to say thank you to them. So I wrote Ron a note because he had touched my heart. Well, I'll be darned if Ron didn't call me in a couple of days. He called me to thank me for thanking him. (Laughter) Like the movie says, we need to pay it forward. We need to be more grateful in everything that we do and when somebody does something nice for us we need to thank them. We ought to do it face to face because that's more effective but if you can't do it face to face, it's okay to write them a note. So I want to pay it forward again Ron and say thank you for thanking me. (Laughter) I really appreciate it. Sisters and Brothers, we are at the start of something really big here. Now is your opportunity in your lives to exhibit the teachings of Eastern Star. Now is your opportunity to show the world what Eastern Star teaches and what our core beliefs are. And like our Worthy Grand Matron has said this year, "If you will share your faith, care for your family, your friends will surround you". And this has been our Worthy Grand Matron's message for all of this year and they're good for us to take to heart. I admit failing in many ways in my faith and not properly caring and saying thank you but you know we are all sinners and we have an opportunity to do better. Our God is a gracious God and He forgives us when we show some repentance. I read recently, William Arthur Ward said "Lose yourself in generous service and every day can be a most unusual day, a triumphant and abundant day". So that is our challenge. It's to find your place of service, generous service, helping others, then be sure and show your gratitude to those who provide your blessings every day. I'm sorry that Marlene stole my favorite close, paraphrased it but each of you need to remember that you are writing a gospel, a chapter each day about the things that you do and by the words that you say. Men will read what you have written whether faulty or true. Ask yourself everyday what is the Eastern Star gospel according to you. Thank you Master of Ceremonies for this opportunity, thank you my Sisters and Brothers for being here tonight. (Applause)

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Brother David. The hands of time have almost reached the end to mark the time to close another Grand Chapter year. The course has not always been straight and narrow. Each turn brought challenges that were intellectually stimulating and emotionally exhilarating, that's a pretty good word for me! (Laughter) Many helping hands helped to clear the path and roll away the stones. Yes, there were many sets of helping hands but there was one more set of hands that were always, and I do mean always, there for whenever and however our Worthy Grand Matron needed them. Of course, you know that I am referring to Past Grand Master Sir Thomas Griffin. Sir, we await your Tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron. We decided tonight to throw a big party for our Worthy Grand Matron's husband. This just happens to be his 39th birthday. So we would like for y'all to all join in singing Happy Birthday to him tonight. (Happy Birthday was sung).

Past Patron Tommy Griffin: Did I hear him say 39? (Laughter) Nelson, I think I thank you for giving me this opportunity. You know, I have to go home with this woman. (Laughter) So I have to be careful of what I say. A couple of weeks ago there was a rumor going around our house that I would bring the Greetings for the Worthy Grand Matron tonight. And I think I left the house. I kind of shoved it to the side and didn't think too much about it. Another week rolled by and I hear it again and it's from Doris, not from Vi. Nelson wants you to bring Greetings. I didn't say yes, as a matter of fact I said no to the best of my recollection. And I get an email two days ago and Nelson says you're on the program, bud. So here we are. As many of you know, Vi and I met at a Rainbow Oyster Fry and she probably doesn't know

this but I fell in love with her at first sight. I'm getting good! (Laughter) Our lives had centered around our church, our family members and our friends. We were married in the Baptist Church in Anahuac because I thought we should get married there, that was her church and her church family. But after moving her to the Far East, that's 18 miles from Anahuac to Stowell, we began attending my church as I had served on the board and many other positions. And of course I'm a die-hard, God fearing Methodist. And she became a really good Methodist. She tells others she couldn't even spell it. Rennie couldn't spell Eastern Star, she surely couldn't spell Methodist. And now she is one. She's very faithful, I might add. She sings in the choir, she's in our bell choir, they are called the Ding-a-Lings (Laughter). I think the most impressive thing to me is she taught Sunday School for many years until the Eastern Star endeavors were keeping us both from being accounted for, for every Sunday. And you can't be a Sunday School teacher and miss the many times as we have. But to this day, especially at our candle light service at Christmas Eve, her former Sunday School students, and they were the second grade til some now married and have their own children, still come up to her and they want a hug and assures her that she was the very best Sunday School teacher they had ever had. And sometimes I think they just want the hug. That's impressive to me, that they still do it. She fit right into our family when they first met her and has always been so caring to visit and participate in any family gathering or visit or whatever the occasion might be. And just so supportive of both of our families. You should see Grant's face, that's our youngest grandson, whenever he sees his Gran. It's funny how the younger ones sense your love and of course those great hugs are genuine. We each have our core friends like each of you do, with our work, our church and certainly our Fraternities. Vi has always been so independent from the very first day I met her but she's not near as independent as she was. But that independence was never a controlling independence but rather a freedom of control or determination of one's self. And that is what I love about her. She is her own person. She will listen to others opinions but will speak her piece. And you know if a friend is not responsible enough to care about what is going on around you and stand up for what you think is right, you're not contributing to society. And I think that's what a true friend is. One who will stand behind you and also beside you when you need it. And her friends know exactly what I am talking about. Most of you know we own and operate an oil field business and occasionally Vi has to go with me in the field, thank goodness she didn't have to go today. (Laughter) I didn't need her today, but I tell you, she goes the nine yards. She puts on her coveralls, hardhat and steel toed boots. I went out one day and an engineer told me, he said "Tommy, you got your wife with you". I said "Yes, sir. My helper is sick and I had to have somebody come with me." He said "I tell you what, my wife would never do that in fear of breaking a fingernail." I relayed that to Vi and just she says "Well, if it happens, it will grow back because this is where I'm supposed to be today." She will travel miles out of her way to help someone else knowing she has deadlines to meet herself. But that is the way she is, maybe working into the early hours of the morning taking care of her responsibilities. I told you briefly about her faith, about our family, and about her friends. And I've presented possibly a different type of Tribute tonight, but I want to tell you it's one that is genuine from my heart about the love of my life and I am the person I am today because of this great lady. Vi, I am so very proud of what you have done this year and the road has not always been a fantasy land of happy trails, but you have handled yourself well and I love you dearly. (Applause)

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Brother Tommy. Now for the highlight of the evening, we will have Greetings from one who along with her husband has devoted just about her entire

adult life to our Fraternities. She is the pride of the whole State of Texas but more especially, her home Section of District 4, Section 2. Sister Vi our Worthy Grand Matron, we await your Greetings and I know if your mother was here tonight she would be so proud.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Nelson, first for establishing protocol for us and then I would thank each one of you who had worked alongside Brother Nelson to make this the beautiful evening that we have had. When we first started and I asked Brother Nelson if he would chair this event, he said "Well, you're gonna have to tell me what you want." I said well the first thing I want is to be out of there before 11:30 p.m. so I think we are on pretty good track to accomplish that. Sister Patricia, thank you for your selections. Two perfect songs for this evening as we begin this Grand Chapter Session. I appreciate you and your sharing your talents so very much. Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Marlene I would not let this opportunity pass without thanking you for taking this journey with us. Marlene has cooked for us, she has washed for us, she has ironed for us and you've just always been there, always with a smile and know how much we appreciate both of you. You have been a wise counsel to me and it was good to make this journey with you. You know it's like if you give a mouse a cookie, he'll give you the crumbs and if you give a woman flowery words, she cries and the mascara runs and it goes on and on and on... I think that's where we are, Sisters and Brothers. Each of you have paid the highest Tribute that you could pay to Sister Rennie and the Worthy Grand Patron and myself just by your presence here and we thank you for that. I thank the Executive Committee and this Chairman, the Banquet Committee for the Love Gift. You have been so generous. Each of you have been generous this year with your love and your support and your time and effort you have expended on behalf of the Grand Chapter. To our General Grand Chapter family, we are so excited that you are here with us, that you have chosen, and Sister Rennie, I know that with General Grand Chapter like less than three months away I know there are a lot of other things that you could be doing but I am so excited that you chose to be with us and we'll be there in November to support you. Olé! To our out of state visitors it is so good to see so many of you who have come. We had the opportunity this year to visit you in your Grand Jurisdiction and we are just delighted beyond measure to have the opportunity to welcome you to Texas. And I'm sorry it's all that hot! But that's just the way it is in Texas. And Tommy, the love of my life, you don't have to use a lot of words, it comes from your heart. I am so glad that you are here with us in Beaumont. I've said all year "My side of the swamp." Hopefully the rain will go away and it won't be quite the swamp that it has the potential to be, but I thought, we're here on the banks of the Neches River and I thought about where does the Neches River begin? And so I found out. The Neches River begins way up in East Texas as just a little clear stream. But you know, as the Neches River flows down towards the gulf other tributaries flow into the Neches. And it changes from that clear stream to the muddy river that you see when you cross the bridge here in Beaumont. And I thought about how it changes from that clear stream just gradually you don't even probably notice that it has changed. And it's a lot like life. We begin our lives as children so pure and innocent, clear and clean and as we travel through life and we experience all that life has to give to us, the good the bad and the ugly, we take all of that and all of those things that happen to us, all those tributaries that flow into our lives is what makes us the way we are. And the way we do things and the way we speak, it's all a part of who we are. And it's like the river that has changed ever so gradually. We have changed and we have grown from children ever so gradually. And very often we might do a certain thing a certain way or we might have a certain phrase that we use or certain thing that we say and we never realize why we have that

particular method or why we have that particular phrase. It's kind of like the lady who cooked the pot roast and she always cut the end off of it and her husband asked "why do you cut the end off of it". She said "I don't know, my mother did." So he went and asked his mother-in-law why did she cut the end off of the pot roast and she said "I don't know, I did it because my mother did it." So he went to the grandmother and asked why do you cut the end off of the pot roast and she said "I only had one pan and I had to cut the end off of it to make the pot roast fit." (Laughter) You know the Order of the Eastern Star started out just a small group of Sisters and Brothers and as we have grown and we have gradually changed, and we've added things and we've lost some of the traditions and we've evolved into the Order that we are today. And the symbolism of our Order we know is strong but very often we don't realize or we don't know why we do the things that we do, other than we've always done it that way. And Brother Nelson and I share a story, it's one of our favorite stories about why we do things that way. And if you take five monkeys and put them in a cage and you tie a string of bananas up to the top of the cage and put a set of stairs under the bananas. Well you know that first monkey is going to head for those bananas, when that first monkey heads up the stairs, you spray all five of them with cold water. You take that monkey out and replace him with a fresh one. When that new monkey heads for the stairs you spray all of them with cold water. Well, it won't take very many times when that new monkey heads for those stairs that those old monkeys are going to beat him up. (Laughter) Because they know that they are going to get sprayed with cold water. And you keep taking the monkeys out and putting fresh monkeys in and the monkeys begin in the beatings of the new monkeys and they have no idea why they are doing that but they take great joy in the participation of it. But if you keep taking the monkeys out and putting the fresh one in, pretty soon when you put that new monkey in none of them are going to go towards the bananas. And as far as they know, that's just the way that's always been. (Laughter) And a lot of times in our Chapters, even in Grand Chapter, that's just the way that's always been. We just always have this wonderful Banquet on Wednesday night and I suspect we'll just always have this wonderful Banquet on Wednesday night. We've always started our Session on Thursday and we're going to start our Session on Thursday, tomorrow. And I want you to know that I am excited that each one of you are here, I'm looking forward to the Session and all of the business that we have to take care of and to the wonderful, wonderful fellowship that your presence here will afford all of us. I know we have busy days ahead and we all need to be rested and we can't be rested if we are in this Banquet room til 11:30. So Sisters and Brothers as you go your way, I hope that each of you will always have faith to guide you, have your family right beside you and friends, like each one of you have been to us and to the Grand Chapter of Texas who will bless your life and don't ever forget what's important is you. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause and standing ovation)

PGP Nelson Campbell: We hope you have enjoyed the evening. I think we have stayed on the Worthy Grand Matron's schedule and at this time, our benediction will now be given by our Past Grand Patron Brother Ray Hertenberger.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Thank you Master of Ceremonies and Patricia belongs to Texas City. (Laughter) If you will join with me we are going to go to the Lord in prayer. Our Father which art in heaven we give you thanks for allowing this time for this evening. We thank you for this fellowship and for all of the blessings thou has bestowed upon us. We humbly ask your continued love and care and guidance as we carry forth the duties that lay before us. We ask now Lord that you watch over and guide us. Direct our footsteps in paths of peace

as we depart this place. For it is in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that we ask these things. Amen (Amen)

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Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron and
David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron**

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
International Headquarters Committee

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Betty Benham
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron of Texas

The stage was set with a simulated stone wall with white daisies and white wisteria placed all around. There are decorated rocking horses in the front of the stage. On stage is an arch decorated with white wisteria hanging down. Behind each Star Point is a rocking horse. Everything is very beautiful and elegant. You can hear the thunder rolling outside.

11:25 A.M.

M.C. Betty Benham: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers and friends of the Order of the Eastern Star. Welcome to the 130th “Faith, Family and Friends” Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We thank you so much for being here for this special event of our Grand Chapter – your presence here is proof and positive proof of the dedicated efforts extended in our programs for the year of 2011- 2012 by so many dedicated members. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your leadership and your record of service as through your strong faith have led the Vivacious Ladies and Distinguished Gentlemen and the membership of Texas through another productive year of service for our Order. Thank you for the honor accorded me to serve as Master of Ceremonies for this afternoon.

I am please to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for this afternoon, Sister Bess Caldwell. Sister Bess and Sister Vi have a special friendship that began in 1997-1998 when they both served as District Deputy Grand Matrons and have continued through their service as Grand Examiners then, and then through the Grand Chapter Line. Sister Bess and myself share the honor of being the Past Grand Matrons of District 2.

We have had very special music this afternoon from a very special friend of our Worthy Grand Matron also and she is from District 2, in the prelude this afternoon. So, please join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for the blessings of her beautiful music and tal-

ent, Sister Jackie Stogner. Thank you, Jackie. (Applause)

We will now proceed with the Processional of our Distinguished Members and Guests. Will you please give attention and welcome these Distinguished Guests as they are presented.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present to the East, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, escorted by Mr. Gene Carnes, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and our Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. John Grobler escorted by his beautiful wife, Barbara. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, let's give these distinguished guests our very warm loving Texas welcome. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons along with the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our esteemed and beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. (Applause) I believe these are some more of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions, please join us in the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, now please present and escort our distinguished Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. (Applause)

Effie Mae? Past Grand Matron Effie Mae, welcome and my words to you is – Quack Quack – (Laughter)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort, and I believe this evening we have Brother Walter Rogers. Our Grand Master is not here. Brother Walter Rogers Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Is he in attendance? If you will escort Brother Walter, our Deputy Grand Master to the East and then we were going to have our Installed Grand Officers escorted separately but they are coming on so let's also have the Installed Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Sometimes the podium book and the programs do get disarranged. Do we have our Deputies, the General Grand Chapter Deputies? Alright, then Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Special Committee Appointments. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the State and National Leaders of the Appendent Bodies and Fraternal Youth Groups. Yes, bring them to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Installed Grand Officers and Officers of other Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East to be seated please. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, have all distinguished guests been presented to the East? Then let's thank Sister Bess Caldwell, our Assisting Grand Marshal.

It will be our happy privilege to introduce the Board of Grand Examiners. The Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members elected annually. It is my pleasure to introduce them to you:

Mrs. Melissa Hudman, District One
Mrs. Carla Stringer, District Two
Mrs. Donna Hill Pope, District Three
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, District Four
Mrs. Sandra Zipp, District Five
Mrs. Susan Bigham, At Large
Please welcome your Board of Grand Examiners. (Applause)

It is my honor to present the Board of Directors:

Mrs. Tony Foster, District One
Mrs. Becky Austin, District One
Mrs. Karen Kidd, District Two
Mrs. Lorraine Williams, District Three
Mr. Keith Mikeworth is also District Two - I had you arranged as you were originally to be introduced, you pulled a trick on me!
Mrs. Darla Dunaway, also District Three
Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, District Four
Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, District Four
Mr. Ron Zipp, District Five and
Mr. David Ouelette, District Five

Let's please welcome them and their distinguished service. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, it is now my pleasure to present the 2011-2012 Texas Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. Taking us to far-away places and giving us insight to the traditions of other Grand Jurisdictions through her excellent reports is our Fraternal Correspondent, Ms. Melanie Rayner escorted by . . . you know how best laid plans go astray, that makes it interesting. Now we have our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Melanie Rayner escorted by Mr. R. W. "Bob" Royall. (Applause)

Ever watchful in his position for our protection and security from interruption is our Grand Sentinel, Mr. George Gwaltney escorted by Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney. (Applause)

Laboring always for peace and harmony and always with a smile, Grand Warder, Mrs. Gay Carnes escorted by Mr. T. E. "Gene" Carnes, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. (Applause)

Living the lesson that we love one another, this lady is a witness of truth and love. Grand Electa, Mrs. Adele Isaacs escorted by Mr. Jeff Perry. (Applause)

Portraying her Christian convictions and a hope of immortal life, Grand Martha, Mrs. Sue Shoemaker escorted by Mr. Tony Whitehead. (Applause)

Through her queenly virtue and devotion, she has found much favor among the members of the Grand Chapter. Grand Esther, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell escorted by Mr. Lawrence Tucker. (Applause)

Serving Grand Chapter with patient industry, she will reap the harvest of her labor. Grand Ruth, Mrs. Marialice Bailey escorted by Mr. Brack Jones, Jr. (Applause)

Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she, too, has displayed heroic conduct. Grand Adah, Ms. Jo D. Dibrell escorted by Mr. Paul McLinn. (Applause)

Giving us melodies to keep a song in our hearts, Grand Organist, Mrs. Faye Percy escorted by Mr. Frank Berkley. (Applause)

Setting the tempo for our drills and processions, she brings honor to her station. Grand Marshal, Mrs. B. J. Corwin escorted by Dr. Charles Corwin. (Applause)

With faith she leads us in our devotions at the Altar always asking God's blessing upon us. Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Jerre Miller escorted by Mr. Trey Smith. (Applause)

Happily taking that first step toward the Grand East, gaining insight as she prepares for the future, Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht. (Applause)

An air of beauty and solemnity surrounds our Grand Conductress as she performs her duties. Grand Conductress, Mrs. Jayne Yenger escorted by Mr. Joey Yenger. (Applause)
Adhering to the strictest fidelity in the performance of her duties, our Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Lorrie Owens escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens. (Applause)

Much is entrusted regarding prompt and discreet action to the duties of her office. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Marlene Scholari escorted by Mr. John Creel. (Applause)

Preparing to perform the duties of a higher position, Associate Grand Patron, Mr. William A. "Bill" Crews escorted by Mrs. Kathey Crews. (Applause)

Standing at the threshold of a new year of service is our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Annette Curry escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis. (Applause)

Living his life true to his Faith, loyal to his family while cherishing the friendships he has cultivated while serving our Order, he commands the love and respect of this membership. A most Distinguished Gentleman, our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. David Dibrell escorted by Dr. Ellen Pickrell. (Applause)

With a Vivacious Spirit and a "possibilitarian" attitude, an open mind and servant's heart, her fraternal spirit has prevailed and has brought much credit to her and honor to the Grand Chapter and Grand State of Texas, Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron escorted by Mr. Thomas F. Griffin. (Applause and "The Queens March" was played) Very fitting Sister Vi.

To each of you, I trust that the fond memories of this year of devoted service you are now

completing will be a reward.

At this time we will have the presentations. We'll have the presentation of the Holy Bible, the Bible Marker and Square and Compasses. Our Special Guests have been welcomed and presented in the East. In order that our Chapter room may be complete, we will now have the altar presentations. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are proud to have special friends to assist in these presentations. The Holy Bible is presented by Mrs. Dorris Clegg, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. The Bible Marker is presented by Mrs. Rita Lytle, Past Matron of Spring Chapter #1105. The Square and Compasses are presented by Mr. Gene Carnes, Past Grand Master.

Through the ages, flags have been used to identify and symbolize nationhood. We pledge allegiance to the flag as the expression of our loyalty to our country or cause. Please stand for the presentation of our flags. (3 raps)

(Patriotic music being played during the presentation of the flags)

Across America and around the world, the United States flag symbolizes the freedoms we enjoy as well as representing the protection of human rights. May we never take lightly the blood that continues to be shed to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy daily. Proudly presenting the flag of this great nation is Mr. Gary Mosmeyer, Past Patron, Cypress #1102.

The Canadian Flag of our neighbors to the North is emblazoned with the bright red Canadian maple leaf. Our flags fly side by side in a steadfast spirit of peace and fraternal friendship. The Canadian flag is presented by Mr. Tony Whitehead, Past Patron, Dal Cliff #574.

We are honored that Texas claims the Most Worthy Grand Matron as our own and are proud that she is present. No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for freedom as Texas. It is one of the most readily recognized of all the state flags. With great pride, the flag of the Lone Star State is presented by Mr. John Woolsey, Past Patron, Bay City #380.

Washington – The Grand Chapter of Texas is honored to welcome the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron who hails from the far Northwest state of Washington. In his honor the Washington state flag is presented by Mr. Larry Pettit, Past Patron, Carpenters #183.

The Christian flag. The cross on the Christian flag represents the sacrifice of our Savior and is symbolic of our Faith. It is the universal emblem of the Christian religion. The Christian flag is presented this afternoon by Mr. Roy Parsons, Past Patron, Queen Esther #833.

The Eastern Star flag. The beautiful emblematic Star of our Order displayed on a background of pure white reminds us of the lessons taught through the heroines of our Order. Mr. Jimmy Williams, Past Patron, Crowley #1125 presents the Eastern Star Flag.

The Masonic flag. We honor our Masonic brothers as the foundation of the entire Fraternal Family. The Masonic flag will be presented by Mr. Terry Miller, Past Patron, Blanco #934.

Thank you Brothers.

I hope you have enjoyed this informal opening. We welcome each of you and at this time I would like to invite the Worthy Grand Matron to join us in the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to present Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron of Texas and Brother Henry Martin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas to call this Thursday afternoon *Faith, Family and Friends – the Foundations of our Lives* Session to Order.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you Sister Betty. Can you hear me? Can you hear me? (Yes!) Do you care? (Yes, Laughter) Okay. Well, you know all year long we've been asked to come down to our Worthy Grand Matron's side of the swamp, well I believe it's here, can y'all hear that rolling thunder? (Laughter) What an exciting time for our Order as we gather in this lovely complex to participate in the Faith, Family and Friends of the 130th Session of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. This distinguished duo and their Grand Family rocked across Texas for about 11 plus months. Our Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Marlene each have a soothing influence on those within their midst. Our Worthy Grand Matron and her husband Tommy have been long time friends of Robert and myself. Worthy Grand Matron, I would hope that as this year ends, a great service for you, I hope that you would enjoy sitting and rocking but I know that will not be the case as you will continue to make memories. And before I ask Brother Henry to bring his greetings, I would like to say how proud I am to be in the East with him. We were at installation and he was the rock that I so badly needed and I know he will continue to serve this Order that is pleasing to you. Brother Henry may we hear from you?

Brother Henry Martin: Thank you Sister Yvonne. It's certainly a pleasure for me to join you in the East again. You and Robert have been friends of Opal and mine for a long time and we always enjoy our time together. Let me say to our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron how much I appreciate the honor of being asked to open this 130th Faith, Family and Friends Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister Vi and Brother David, we have all been friends for many years so for me the relationship makes the opportunity to open your Session even more special. The two of you have had a wonderful Grand Chapter year as you traveled the roads of Texas and met with this fabulous membership. You've accomplished much and encouraged everyone to have fun. Your focus on *Faith, Family and Friends* is one that is so appropriate today and the membership has responded to it very well. I wish for you a most successful Session here in Beaumont and I look forward to the service that you will continue to provide for our beautiful Order in the years to come. Again, thank you for allowing me the privilege of opening your Session with Sister Yvonne.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you Brother Henry. It is indeed my pleasure to call this Thursday afternoon ceremonial Opening *Faith, Family and Friends, which is the Foundation of our Lives*, Session open. (one rap) With a firm belief that we should begin our days directly communicating with our Creator, we will be given the invocation by Sister Alma Lynn Bane, who is the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and also a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Alma. (three raps)

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Please join me in an attitude of prayer. Heavenly Father we come together as Sisters and Brothers and as children of God. We ask for your guidance in our lives as we serve our Order and fulfill the responsibilities and tasks before us this week. Give us strength and wisdom to meet the challenges of today's world not forgetting the traditions

and lessons of the past. May our leaders of today and tomorrow be stewards of love and service for our Order. We mourn the loss of many of our Sisters and Brothers but we know that they are in thy presence and that they know that they are missed by each of us. Please give healing grace and comfort to those in their time of sickness and pain. We ask a special blessing on those who protect and serve our country and our communities. They stand on guard for our homes and our freedoms throughout the world. Be with their families and give them comfort and strength in their daily lives as their loved ones serve our nation. We thank thee for the many blessings and loving friends as we journey through life. The sacrifice of your son for our sins assures us of your love and forgiveness of our transgressions. We humbly bow our heads in prayer and lift our hearts in praise of thee. Amen (Amen)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you Sister Alma. To reinforce our faith, we often turn to God's Word. Our Worthy Grand Matron has chosen scriptures to be read daily. The scripture chosen for today will be read by Sister Sharon Fentress, General Grand Chapter Housing Co-Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Sharon.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Welcome my Sisters and Brothers. Your Worthy Grand Matron has chosen the scripture for opening her Grand Chapter Session Isaiah 41:9-10 9: I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said "You are my servant"; I have chosen you and not rejected you. 10: So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am you God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. 13: For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you. Do not fear, I will help you. Thank you.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you Sister Sharon. There is one person here this afternoon and if he's not out searching for extra umbrellas, that I know is breathing a sigh of relief that this day has finally come here and he will be very happy, I'm sure, when it's gone. And we would like to hear from Mr. Ben Clegg, Executive Chairman of this Session. I invite Brother Ben to address the assembly.

Brother Ben Clegg: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Arrangement Committee, and the members of District 4 it is my pleasure and certainly my honor to welcome you to Beaumont, Texas for the Faith, Family and Friends 130th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We worked hard and I hope we planned well to assure that each of you have a pleasant stay on Sister Vi's side of the swamp. We want you to enjoy the Session, we want you to shop the vendors and we want you to remember the great South Texas, South East Texas hospitality with a smile when you go home. Our 2012 team is here for you. Look for the green jackets. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance if there is anything that you need. Thanks again for coming our way and enjoy your stay. Thank you.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you Brother Ben. You heard earlier that we talked about the swamp down here well I believe that the Worthy Grand Matron wants to remind you that there is a swamp coming. We are now certainly will enjoy the hospitality that has been given to us thus far and are continuing to expect the same for the weekend and we know this will be a wonderful Session.

We are so very proud of the young women and men of our Fraternal Youth organizations –

our future for a brighter tomorrow. Through ritual work, charity projects, and fun activities, these groups give their members the ability to build self-confidence, discover and enhance their talents and develop leadership skills. Sisters and Brothers, we must unite in promoting the best interest for these youth groups. I invite Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, accompanied by Miss Boston White, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I invite them to preside and address this assembly.

Supreme Deputy JoAnn Weaver: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Officers, Distinguished East and Sisters and Brothers. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of bringing Greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and all of the assemblies and young ladies in the Grand Assembly of Texas. Thank you each for each expression of support that you give to the girls of this Grand Assembly. Your presence at each and every one of the Sessions of our 2012 Grand Assembly in Waco in June was especially noted and appreciated by our Grand Officers, our members and adult sponsors. Thank you for this time you spent with Rainbow. We know of your demands of your time and the special effort you made to be with us. To each of you present this afternoon, we say thank you for your friendship and we appreciate the service that you give to our Order. All of you who help with our assemblies, dearly love our girls, but you also have confidence in the youth of today because you do believe that they are the promise of the whole of our future. Our young ladies are blessed to be a part of this fraternal family. And you have made it possible for this family to remain forever. Our assemblies are blessed to have the sponsorship and the support of you dedicated adults. Thank you Eastern Star and Masons for inspiring our young ladies and believing in them that the world of tomorrow will be safe in their hands. We wish you a most successful 130th Session of Grand Chapter. May the *Faith, Family and Friends* Session be an opportunity to enjoy the friends that have become family through your faith. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be here today and to bring our Fraternal Greetings. And it is my honor and my privilege that I introduce the Grand Worthy Advisor 2012-2013, Miss Boston White to bring Greetings on behalf of the Texas Rainbow team.

Grand Worthy Advisor Miss Boston White: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. David B. Dibrell, Mrs. Rennie Often, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. John Grobler, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my honor and pleasure to bring Greetings to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star on behalf of Texas Rainbow. Since my early childhood, I have eagerly awaited the opportunity to join Eastern Star. This past year I accomplished that goal by becoming an Endowed Member of Princeton Chapter #1126 where my grandparents were both Charter Members. Upon initiation into Rainbow, I became the 5th generation into the Masonic family. I was able to set up an Eastern Star Chapter room before I ever knew how to set up a Rainbow Assembly room. It is with great pride that I say I am a member of Eastern Star and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. It has been my dream since becoming a Rainbow Girl to serve as Grand Worthy Advisor. I have reached for the stars and now I'm blessed to be living my dream. The theme for Grand Assembly this year is "Give My Regards to Broadway". We invite you to come by the Shining Stars Rainbow Booth in the exhibit hall and learn all about the exciting events in Texas Rainbow. While visiting the booth please take the opportunity to help and support our charity project, the

Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Proceeds from the sale of our very super cute Rainbow “Yoohoos” will benefit the hospital. As a young adult with dyslexia, I can say this hospital does amazing things for children in Texas. Please accept my personal invitation to attend our Grand Assembly Session in Frisco of June 2013. It was a tremendous honor to have so many of our Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and local members at our recent Grand Assembly Session. I hope that this tradition will continue next year. You are our support, our guides and our friends. And all Rainbow Girls in Texas would be honored to have each of you attend a local Assembly meeting. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to bring Greetings to the 130th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and may you each always remember that there could never be a more beautiful you. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you dear.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers, how thankful we are for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Texas. These beautiful young ladies are our future and it’s our responsibility to be there for them, to support them, to keep them believing that at the end of every Rainbow, there is a Star. I wish that you all – well you all can – I wish that you would come to Grand Assembly and witness the Ritual Work that these young ladies portray. The drill and the Bible presentation that we see at our Grand Chapter Session is just the tip of the iceberg. We could learn much from these young ladies. The Worthy Grand Patron and I are pleased to present from the members of the Texas Chapters this presentation to the International Rainbow for Girls, the Texas Rainbow Girls, and their donations have made this \$1,000 presentation possible. (Applause)

GWA Miss Boston White: Thank you!

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Patron, do you have remarks?

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Boston and Mrs. Weaver. We appreciate very much your being here today. Two of the memories that I will take with me from this year are those that happened during the year, the beautiful Bible presentation was made to the Worthy Grand Matron and I at our installation in Houston last year. And the other is attending Boston’s initiation. She is a Sister, it’s hard to call her Sister, Boston is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star as was her predecessor and I was able to attend both of their initiations. Thank you, Mrs. Weaver for being such a good leader for our girls. Thank you, Boston for being such a wonderful role model for the younger girls. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Sisters and Brothers, we are honored to have among us the Honorable Jeff Branick, County Judge of Jefferson County. He has worked hard representing the citizens of this county and provides outstanding leadership in all capacities. I am pleased to introduce to you Judge Branick. I invite you to greet this assembly.

Judge Jeff Branick: Well good afternoon to all of you and welcome to Beaumont and to Jefferson County. It’s indeed a pleasure and an honor that your group has chosen our area for this gathering. It’s my pleasure to serve as County Judge of Jefferson County and I just want to tell you how thankful I am that you are here. I’m a life member of Port Arthur Lodge #1264 and have been for many years. And that’s another honor that I have in my life. For those of you who aren’t from Jefferson County I want to tell you that it is strategically a very

important place, not only to Texas but to the nation at large and I'll give you just a few quick facts and that is that Jefferson County is home to a vast Petrochemical industry. We provide about 25% of the gasoline that is sold east of the Rocky Mountains. We provide about 25% of the diesel fuel that is sold in the entire United States. We refine 50% of the nation's aviation fuel and about 70% of the nation's military aviation fuel. We are home to about 56% of the nation's, our waterways are home to about 50% of the nation's L&G capacity and about 56% of the nation's strategic petroleum reserves. We've got the number one military off-load port in the United States, number four by tonnage in the United States. So Jefferson County is an extremely important place from an energy standpoint, not only locally but nationwide. And I'm proud to serve as County Judge. I want to thank all of you for being here. I want you to have a wonderful weekend. I hope your fellowship is fruitful and enjoyable and that you get a lot accomplished for the good of the Order. Thank you so much for having me and have a blessed weekend. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you so much. Representing the Order of the DeMolay are Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, State Executive Director of DeMolay and Mr. Sean Waldrop, State Master Councilor, International Order of the DeMolay. These fine young men and DeMolays all, are members of the Masons of tomorrow and it will be our pleasure and advantage to listen to them and pay attention to their good works. Brother Weldon, I invite you to bring Greetings.

State Executive Director Weldon Clampitte: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I bring you Greetings from the Texas DeMolay. We are doing very well in our state as far as the young men are concerned. At this point, I'd like anyone here that is currently working with a Rainbow Assembly or DeMolay Chapter or has ever worked with a DeMolay Chapter or a Rainbow Assembly, would you please stand? (Applause) Thank you. I want to thank you now for what you are doing or what you have done in the past with the youth of our state. It's remarkable to me how many of our leaders come from Rainbow and DeMolay. A few months ago I was in Atlanta and I was speaking to the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and when I finished speaking he asked "all those who were former DeMolays in the audience to stand". This audience consisted of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and others from around North America and other areas. And about 40% of the people stood. Then he asked for those who had ever worked with DeMolay, another 20% stood. And then he asked those who have been honored by DeMolay to stand, and by the time we were through, 80% of the leadership of Masonry in our country that were present were standing. This shows you the importance of the youth of our country, not only for our DeMolay but for our Rainbow also. I'd like to introduce to you now, Sean Waldrop, our State Master Councilor by just a few days. He came in last Saturday as our State Master Councilor and he's from H. Malvern Marks Chapter in Fort Worth. Sean Waldrop. Thank you.

State Master Councilor Sean Waldrop: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy and Worthy Grand Officers and Officers Past and Present, Members and Visitors. It is an honor to be counted in attendance at this most auspicious of occasions. Texas DeMolay is alive and seeking growth. During the past year three new chapters have opened and yet more in development. While many other states would consider our membership outstanding I am certain we have

yet to realize the full scope of our great assemblage. I encourage each of you to not only support DeMolay but to be active participants in edifying the ideals of our noble organization. DeMolay, the teachings that it evokes and the Advisors I have had the privilege of being acquainted with have refined my character and will continue to do so throughout life's journey. Our jurisdiction is stepping forward. It is my honor and privilege to announce to this body that our very own Junior Past State Master Councilor, Carl Wesley Wunsche, Jr. was elected International Congress Secretary at this year's International Supreme Council. In turn it was also announced that our great jurisdiction of Texas is now allied with Peru in the effort to advance the next generation of young men. I am myself about to turn my petition for Free Masonry in at my local lodge and after receiving my degrees I look forward to joining this great Order and joining the fellowship that goes with it. Thank you for allowing me to speak. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Brother Weldon and Sean, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the membership of Texas we are please to make this \$1,000 presentation to the future Masons and Leaders of our Fraternity. I regret that I was not able to join you at your recent conclave. My loose ends had loose ends and I needed to get them tied up. I hope you'll forgive me. Thank you.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Patron, do you have Greetings?

WGP David Dibrell: Dad Clampitte and Sean, thank you for being with us today. When I started my DeMolay career in Big Spring Chapter, I had no prediction where that would head in the future. DeMolay introduced me to my bride and has therefore been a significant part of my life and I've learned many valuable lessons. Thank you Sean for assuming the mantle of leadership. Thank you Dad Clampitte for answering my call when I called you in 2001 and ask you to help DeMolay and serve as Executive Officer in Texas. You have done a fantastic job. Brother Dad Clampitte was Grand Master of DeMolay International until about a month ago, two weeks ago, three or four weeks ago. So he has served not only the state but the world of DeMolay. Thank you, Dad Clampitte. Thank you Sean for your service. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: And I'd like to add that Sean probably when he came to the East, he thought he was going to get to sit here until he was called upon but I had to have someone to bring my stool up here to this podium. Thank you Sean.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, has selected Service Dogs as one of her projects for this triennium. Brother Jack Guy, General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Service Dogs and a Past Grand Patron of Texas has worked tirelessly for this project. At this time I think Sister, I mean Brother Jack Guy will have a demonstration from the Patriot Paws. For someone who has not seen this demonstration before this is very heartwarming.

Ms. Tracy McCormick: Good afternoon everyone. We are privileged to be here with you today. We are from Patriot Paws. My name is Tracy McCormick and I'm a Service Dog trainer at Patriot Paws up in Rockwall and I'm here today with Rhonda Lee. She's getting us all set up and we have two special friends with us today. Jazz is down there on the floor. And that's Gunny (Gunny was on stage with Ms. McCormick). And they are both here today to

show you a little bit about what Patriot Paws is all about. Patriot Paws is a non-profit organization that was started by Laurie Stephens back in 2006. Laurie has been a dog trainer for about twenty years and she had met some veterans at the Dallas VA who wanted her to help them train their Service Dogs. And when she found that that was such a great need across the country she decided to put her two passions together. Her passion for training dogs - obviously he wants to speak (talking about Gunny running around her), and her passion for our veterans and all that they do for us and so she put together Patriot Paws. Well, she knew that what she could do wasn't enough, just by herself and a few volunteers. So she partnered with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 2008. There today we have about 30 women offenders that train our dogs 24 hours, 7 days a week. Rhonda Lee is one of our very best success stories. (Applause) She was paroled in 2009 and she has been with Patriot Paws ever since. We just hired another offender, Valerie Frye, who started in May 2012. So we are very proud of the program there. It not only helps our veterans, they not only help our dogs but the program helps change lives with our women offenders as well. We know that you're not here to hear me talk. We know that you would love to see what the dogs can do. The one thing that I do want to say is that these dogs today are going to perform some really cool tricks. But while they are doing these really cool tricks today I want you to keep in mind that behind every dog is a waiting veteran. A veteran who probably has traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries, PTSD. They might not leave their homes because they can't do what they originally were able to do. They've saved our lives. They've put their lives on the line to be there for us so this is our way to be there for them. So I hope that you not only enjoy what you see but that you spread the word about Patriot Paws. One more thing. We have another success story. Her name is Eastern Star. Eastern Star came to us as an eight week old puppy and she is now serving one of our veterans, Keith Campbell in Louisiana. He has written us. He actually received her just this year, just a few months ago in March of 2012 and he loves her more than words can say. He says she can do just about anything. They are working on her learning to cook dinner next (Laughter) but he's getting out more. If you could just see the expression on his face when he sees his little girl. And that's what he calls her, his little girl. So thank you so much for your patronage to us and for your help to us doing what we do best. We also have Mason, he should be ready soon. He's in the prison right now getting a little more Boot Camp and learning what he needs to learn so he can be with his veteran. His sister showed him up. So I'm going to have Rhonda get started as I'm making my way down there and she'll give you a little demonstration and we'll come down and join her. Thank you. (Applause)

(At this time the dogs and trainers did demonstrations picking up canes, keys and even a credit card that was dropped on the floor. They turned a light switch off and on. They pick up water bottles, drug a basket of clothes around, and at the end of the presentation, prayed) (Applause and standing ovation)

WGM Vi Griffin: Brother Jack, I am grateful to you that you've arranged this demonstration today so that our members can see this great work they do. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron has a project this triennium to sell the little pinwheel pins and the proceeds of these sales could go to a project of our choice and I have chosen Patriot Paws and we thank you ladies and your animals for being here today and showing us just how magnificent these animals are. At this time, Brother Jack, I want to present you with a check in the amount of \$2,790 from the sale of these little pins and report that amount to the membership. And with this donation and in addition to other donations that you have made and honorariums given to

this project and the hard work of our Patriot Paws Committee, I think we'll be astounded and I'm going to let Brother Jack give the figure that Texas Grand Chapter has and it's an approximate, that we have given, that you have given, in support of the work of these dedicated animals and their trainers. Brother Jack.

Brother Jack Guy: Sisters and Brothers, I made a preliminary report on the Service Dog project for, about mid-June I believe it was. And at that time we had a little excess of \$90,000 that had been donated and merchandise sold for this project for Sister Vi and Brother David's year. Our total donations have been \$16,493 and of course that does not count the \$2,700 that Sister Vi mentioned and I believe there is a couple of ladies here, Sister Gay Carnes and Jacquie Bovée, and they have a presentation.

WGM Vi Griffin: Jackie served on the Patriot Paws Committee and she had a great idea. You tell us.

Sister Jacquie Bovée: Well, I have a great Co-Chair and we were able to raise \$5,500 and we've still got more coming in. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Thank you Sisters and Brothers. This is another good example of how our membership feels about our fellow man. We believe that service rather than self is the most important part of this Fraternity. It is indeed a privilege and an honor for me to introduce our Most, one who needs no introduction. Honorable James F. "Jim" Brumitt, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Brother Jim, Sir, we would like to have Greetings from you.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jim Brumitt: Thank you ma'am. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is a very distinct pleasure to be here today. To be invited to bring Greetings to all this body from the Grand Lodge of Texas. We all hope and pray that you have a very wonderful meeting and Session that everybody will enjoy and remember for the rest of their lives. It is a pleasure to be here to say how wonderful I think the Order of the Eastern Star is. I've been a member since 1959 and had the distinct pleasure of serving my Chapter, Loyal Chapter in Dallas, two different times as Worthy Patron and I believe in the Order and I know that the endeavors of all of you folks will be great and lasting forever. It's good to be here, thank you.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: I think the Worthy Grand Matron would like to have a few remarks.

WGM Vi Griffin: Grand Master, you and I have had a busy year. We've sort of been on the same merry-go-round, just different horses. I appreciate your support and the fine relationship that the Order of the Eastern Star and our Masonic Brothers have. We appreciate the privilege that we all have of meeting in your lodges and most especially the protection of all good Masons. The Grand Chapter of Texas, we pledge to continue our support of the Grand Lodge programs and to assist the Lodges in Texas to the best of our ability. And I want you to know that we are honored by your presence today.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Grand Master and my friend, our common Rainbow connection connected us initially, as we both are Friendship, you and I both worked for Grand Master A. D. Hanna in 1990 and almost every other Grand Master since that time. We served on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee together. We served on the Masonic Education and Service Committee together. We appreciate your support in Eastern Star and I'd just like to brag a little because I had the privilege of presenting your 50 year Eastern Star Award to you in your Chapter this year. I'm almost finished with my journey and yours is a little over half-way. Thank you for your service but especially, thank you for being my friend. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Now my Sisters and Brothers, we are honored to have the presence of the Mayor of the city of Beaumont with us. They work tireless to make everything right for all of their visitors.....she's not here yet? Well, she's still working. (Laughter) Now, the Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau is also working tirelessly for us in all ways and representing this group is Mrs. Rebecca Woodland and Ms. Woodland, we'd like to have Greetings from you at this time.

BCVB Mrs. Rebecca Woodland: Welcome to Beaumont, Order of the Eastern Star! Wahoo! (Applause) We are so delighted to have you here hosting your annual convention. We at the Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau were so delighted when your Grand Matron Vi Griffin came with her two assistants on logistics is what I like to call them, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clegg. They have helped us to help you make your hotel booking arrangements, to book here at Ford Park and to make sure that you have a place to sleep as well as meet and eat and play in Beaumont, Texas. Because in Beaumont, Texas is where meetings get a little extra and that is what we are doing for you. You may have seen the Beaumont visitor guides and some information tables and things and we at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the CVB, work very hard with our locals to hosts groups like you. If I had known that you all were going to be dressed so nicely, I would have worn my rhinestones today too cause I love that kind of stuff and y'all look beautiful and wonderful today and the men look so handsome. I'm going to recommend to all my future clients that the men should wear their black ties and ladies evening gowns 'cause y'all represent so well. We hope that in addition to your meetings that you have a chance to get out and see Beaumont, maybe stay an extra night, see our restaurants, tour our museums. I know that when the conventions are going on, they saw a preliminary schedule and they have you doing back to back things in such wonderful ways but at any time that you would like to spend a weekend or have a little stay vacation, those kind of things, Beaumont would love to have you and without much further ado, I would just like to say we are so glad you are in Beaumont. If the Beaumont CVB can ever assist you, please give me a call and we will set up your meeting space and hotel rooms. So y'all have a great Convention, enjoy what Beaumont has to offer. We like to say that Beaumont is Texas friendly and bayou fun and I hope y'all have a lot of fun this week. Thank you so much. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Blessed are the flexible they shall not be bent out of shape. (Laughter) We are pleased this afternoon to have Brother John Grobler, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Barbara. They are joining us from Seattle, Washington and Brother John we would love to have remarks by you.

AMWGP John Grobler: Thank you Sister Yvonne. Protocol having been established it is my pleasure to.....well, that's not really what I want to say. I'm fixing to talk to all y'all.

(Laughter) Well, thank you for this opportunity to address the members and visitors of the Texas Grand Chapter. I am pleased so many members of our General Grand Chapter family have chosen to be here with all of y'all and enjoy your Grand Chapter Session. Thank you family, for being here. It is especially nice to be here in Texas as I have a special relationship of one of your very own, Rennie Ofton. It has been a pleasure to work with Sister Rennie these past two years. She has been fun to work with and she has generously shared all the business that comes before General Grand Chapter. Rennie asked my counsel or input on many communications and decisions that come before her. I could relay them to you but we would be here all night. Thank you Rennie for sharing with me and making me feel like the real thing as opposed to just Acting. I will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron in Fort Worth in November so you can see I will be spending a lot of time with all y'all. (Laughter) I'm trying to learn to speak Texan but it doesn't come naturally. As I walk around the area here I hear these little Texas children walking and speaking perfect Texan. Now how did they learn it so young? Over the years I've heard about Texas and how large it is but what really impresses me is the number of songs written about Texas or places in Texas. I understand there are thousands of them. The ones I am most familiar with are songs like "Remember the Alamo", "Houston", "Abilene", "The Yellow Rose of Texas", "Galveston", and "All My Exes' Live in Texas". (Laughter) But my favorites are your songs of friendship and hospitality that you sing to me and Barbara each time we visit your great jurisdiction. Thank you for the harmony. There's another song that I like to hear that is sung by George Strait and it's called "Has Fort Worth Ever Crossed Your Mind". (Laughter) The main project of Most Worthy Grand Patron Fred Clarke was to establish an Eastern Star display at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Since Fred's passing I have continued to promote this project in my travels and encourage members to contribute to the building and sustaining of the display. In that regard, I have given a donation in the name of each Worthy Grand Patron that I visit during the 47th Triennium so I will be making a donation in the name of Worthy Grand Patron David. Brother David, please accept this gift and I encourage you to promote the display in Washington as you go back into the Chapters and visit around.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

AMWGP John Grobler: The display officially opened on February 22nd this year. And is a very nice exhibit of OES history and current activities throughout our Eastern Star world. Please visit it when you are in the Washington, D.C. area. The other thing that I notice as I go around and I see a lot of you with your little gadgets; your phones and your Ipads, it seems like the internet and electronics are dominating our world these days. And it looks like that's going to continue into the future. Do you remember the thing called the encyclopedia? Anybody remember that? Well, there was this man who put an ad in the paper recently "*For Sale by Owner. Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. 45 Volumes, Excellent Condition. \$1,000 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last weekend, wife knows everything*". (Laughter) Thank you for the gift of your time and thank you for all you do for Eastern Star. (Applause)

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Here in Texas we are so proud to claim our own Most Worthy Grand Matron as one of ours. Sister Rennie Ofton, we would love to hear from you at this time and also for you to always know how proud we are of you. Sister Rennie. (Applause)

MWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you. Isn't that nice to have a man waiting on you like that?

The protocol I think I said having been established last night. You know, dear members, large and small, thank you Lord, they're all loved. And that's the way I feel right now. I made my official visit last year but due to circumstances, I did not get to stay for the whole meeting but even then it was fun the time that I was there. And today has been the second page of the book of memory and it has been absolutely wonderful. Just to see all of you I came around here in 1978-1979, learned to love so many of the members and you know it's amazing how many of you are still here in better shape than I am. And I know that you're doing the work. And to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I congratulate you on your leadership and I know that when you took this job, you went to yourself and you said "It's a job". But it's good for the service of mankind, it's good for the Fraternal Orders, so why not give it my best? And I believe that you have and I certainly thank you. I was so pleased, very pleased, to see the dogs. You know, I've gone to the dogs this Triennium and I love them all. And when we get these stories about how they are, the different things that they're doing and how they're bringing veterans absolutely back to life, the ones who have had neurological problems and then those who have to have new metal arms and all of that, and you know since I've been in this wheelchair this last year I know how important it is to have a dog go pick something up. I don't care what you have in your hand when you are in a wheelchair, it drops and rolls way away. So you have to stop everything and go over there and try to figure out how you're going to get it. And I haven't learned how to pick up a credit card yet and I saw the dog did it in one little time but maybe my nose isn't long enough or something. (Laughter) We in Texas love to greet visitors. And you know I hope that while you are here that you receive in like time the wonderful fellowship that our Officers, our General Grand Chapter Officers, receive each time they visit any place with Eastern Stars. And we've covered most of the 48 states or 50 now. We can't go, we went to Alaska but we can't go to Hawaii I'm afraid. But we've covered them and I have a good bunch of Officers. I hope they stayed here. They said they were going to go back there and sit back there, I hope they didn't go home. Would all of you stand? All of the General Grand Chapter Family. You Committee members too. We work for you and we know that everything that we do will reflect on the Order of the Eastern Star this Triennium. So we hope that the record we are making for you will be one that you will appreciate when we meet in November. And I'm just excited that all of them could be here. Everybody is busy and they're kind of trying to wind down but you don't wind down in Eastern Star. And so we are going to continue to work for you until November and then I guess I'll turn it over to Bobbi. Thank you. (Applause) And I do know that each one of you has Eastern Star in your heart. You make a lot time, you spend a lot of money, and we are volunteers. And when somebody talks about Eastern Stars, I think I've told all of you what I like to say when they say "What do you do in Eastern Star?" You just tell them, we do good things for good reasons and we enjoy it immensely. And that's what Eastern Star is and you have proven it here. I'm looking forward to the rest of the Session so we will find out all the things that have been done in Texas this past year. I wasn't able to get around and check on you but you know what? I've been gone for about 2 ½ years now and I don't even know if you missed me but you know what, y'all just kept on going – all y'all did. (Laughter) And sometimes it's wonderful to think "oh, they're so smart, they're doing all of this" and then you get to thinking but they don't need me anymore. Well, I'll be back after November so watch out. (Laughter and Applause) I do thank Brother John and Sister Barbara. You know it was sad when Brother Fred passed away and we called John and told him you know I'm sorry but you now have another job. So he has been trying to balance a job with me and with Bobbi, his Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron to be, and I think he's done a

great job. I know that he has helped me and I know, will you help me thank him for doing that? (Applause) And I know that we are going to enjoy the rest of the week and if there is any problem that you need, you know, just call Ben (Laughter). David said he'll help but call Ben. Thank you Sisters and Brothers, you are very special in my heart. You're very special to the Order of the Eastern Star and somehow or another I believe that the Man upstairs is appreciative of the things we are doing because we are serving humanity as he has told us to love one another and take care for one another. I'll be with you the rest of the week and I'm enjoying it immensely. Thank you and thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause). And thank you Brother Gene.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: Sister Rennie said earlier that she and I need to have a race but I think we'll wait til after the Session, maybe by then it'll be dry outside. (Laughter) I have an announcement to make: If you have ordered Banquet or luncheon tickets, please be sure to pick them up as they are outside in the Lobby waiting for you. Now I would like to introduce the Mayor of Beaumont who has been busy working many many of hours each day and her name is Honorable Becky Ames and we would love to have remarks from her at this time.

Honorable Becky Ames: Good afternoon. I bring Greetings to all y'all. (Laughter) Truly it is a great day in Beaumont because you're here. We are very happy to host this conference, this meeting for y'all in Beaumont. Tourism and conventions is very important to us and one of the reasons why I think we enjoy it so much and I hope that you will experience this, those of you who don't live in Beaumont, as you travel into our restaurants and if you go into a gas station or wherever it might be, the people are really friendly. And the other day I was giving a Welcome at a conference and I happened to run into someone later in the week that had attended the conference and heard me give Welcome and talk about our citizens and how friendly they are and he said, "I went into the drug store and they were just so nice and then I went into the gas station and they were just so nice. You were really telling the truth." What I also told them was if someone's not then please report it to me cause we're going to go have a little talk cause we're going to be really nice in the city of Beaumont. Really and truly though we do appreciate having y'all in your meeting here and all you do. I've heard a lot about friendship, fellowship, all the most important things and y'all are experiencing that this week. And I truly do wish y'all the very very best in your meeting this week and I hope that you get to experience some of the great people of Beaumont. I bring you Greetings once more from the City Council of Beaumont and from all of our citizens. We welcome you with open arms and we are so very glad that you are here. And I hope y'all have a great time. Thank you (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: We are ready for the partial report of the Credentials Committee at this time, Sister Betty Fogarty. We're almost to the starting line.

Sister Betty Fogarty: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. The Credentials Committee of the 130th Session is pleased to report that we have Chapter representatives of more than 291 Chapters. This constitutes a quorum. The Grand Chapter can be opened to transact it's business. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Betty for this report. We are set to go. I now recognize the Grand Secretary to report on the Chapters with delinquent annual reports.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron and Distinguished guests, we had three chapters who were late in turning in their annual reports. As you know, it is in the Constitution and Code of Laws that all reports are due by the June 8th deadline. The following were substantially late: Port Lavaca Chapter #373, Llano #216, and Devine Chapter #43. I move that they be allowed to get their credentials at Registration for this Grand Chapter Session. They have paid.

WGM Vi Griffin: There is a motion.

WGP David Dibrell: Second

WGM Vi Griffin: And a second that we allow these Chapters to pick up their credentials and to participate in this Grand Chapter. All in favor, if you have your green card, please raise it. Any opposed? That motion carries. Thank you.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield: At this time I will ask the Grand Chapter Officers and their Pages to retire in the West for the “Rocking Horse Drill”. We will have a short recess while the Arrangements Committee clears the Grand Chapter floor.

Sisters and Brothers it is with great pleasure that I invite the Installed Grand Officers of 2011-2012 and their personal pages to perform the “Rocking Horse Drill” under the direction of Mrs. B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal.

(The Rocking Horse Drill was performed beautifully) (Applause)

Please know how very much we have appreciated all of you for being with us this afternoon for our ceremonial opening. We thank you so very much for sharing this special time with us. As we are about to prepare for the business of this Grand Chapter, we would request that all who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star would retire at that time. Again, thank you for your interest in our Order and if you have further interest so you can stay in here next year, talk to one of these Brother Masons or Order of the Eastern Star and they’ll be happy to help you become a member of the Order.

Sisters and Brothers, now you will direct your attention to the Precision Drill of the Distinguished Ushers under the direction of Brother Tommy Griffin.

(The Precision Drill by The Distinguished Ushers)

Now don’t those Brothers make us Texas proud? Let’s tell them again (Applause)

This is an instant replay...

I invite the Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to introduce our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Sister Vi, we go a

long way. Words cannot express my feelings for you and Tommy. I would like to present you with your gavel so that you and Brother David can preside over this wonderful Session.

WGM Vi Griffin: The Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter. (One rap)

(Ritualistic Opening)
(Choir sings “Majesty” and the Opening Ode,
“Great is Thy Faithfulness,” is sung by all)

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the flag of the United States in the East.

WGP David Dibrell: Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country followed by our National Anthem.

(The Pledge was recited and the National Anthem was sung)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron and more especially, my special friend and Brother Henry Martin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron for the beautiful and capable manner in which you have called to order this 130th Annual Session, The Foundation of our Lives Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. You were here to install us into these offices and we so appreciate your being here to welcome us at our journey’s end. Sister Yvonne, through the years we have shared many happy times, have many special memories – some really good and maybe some not so good. You are more than a friend, you are my family. Brother Henry, when I think of you it is always with the knowledge that you are loved and respected by the entire membership of Texas. Never mind the fact that you nearly got me kicked out of the Order by dancing – long before our Code of Laws said it was okay. It means much to me to have you and Sister Yvonne serve this afternoon. I want to express sincere appreciation to each of you who have participated in this opening this afternoon. Each of you has touched my life in a special way and thank you for making this Opening of this Grand Chapter Session so very special. I love each of you. Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, and Committee Members and our visitors of other jurisdictions, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished members, each of you, it is with a grateful heart that I welcome you to this 130th Grand Chapter Session. We are so delighted to have each of you here on my side of the Swamp, and I don’t know what it’s doing outside but we’re glad that you’re here to share this time with us. WGP, I’m certain you want to express your appreciation for this Opening.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you so much Sister Yvonne and Brother Henry for Opening this Grand Chapter. You know you two installed us a year ago and we have appreciated your support throughout this year and again at this Session. Sister Yvonne, your friendship has been constant all these years. We do appreciate you. Brother Henry, we met as Club Brothers and we served as Peacemakers together in 1989 under Brother Harry Cunningham. We appreciate all that you and Opal have done, are doing and will do in the future. Your life has truly been a tapestry of love and service. Thank you for opening this Session. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers I got the cart before the horse and that may happen more than one time and that's okay because we always have the rewind button and we're going to push our rewind button right now. We're going to sing "O Canada". (Three raps)

(Everyone sings "O Canada")

(One rap) We pause for technical difficulties. Please do not attempt to adjust your set. (Laughter) We are honored this afternoon with the presence of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these most distinguished leaders at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of presenting these General Grand Chapter Officers. Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother John Grobler, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Rennie and Brother John, it is with both an honor and a pleasure that I welcome you to this Grand Chapter Session. With the Triennium Assembly only three months away I am certain that there are many other things that you could be doing but we are so proud of the great honor, Sister Rennie, that you have brought to our Grand Jurisdiction. Yours is a devoted service with great accomplishment in the many years you've served. Your graciousness and kindness endear you to many, not only in Texas but around the world. I am proud to be the Baby of the Tri-line in Texas. Brother John, we admire you for not only your obvious dedication to our Order but we appreciate the sense of humor that we have come to know in the past few months. I am so very pleased that you chose to spend time with the Grand Chapter of Texas and hope that our hospitality makes you want to visit again and again. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Sister Rennie and Brother John for attending our Grand Chapter Session. Rennie (pause) Mom (Laughter) you've been a friend for many years and we appreciate all that you continue to do for our Order. John, we welcome you to our family and we look forward to your continued service in our Order. You know when we work in our chapters locally, we discover the rewards of personal service. When we get involved at the State level and discover the rewards of service on a larger plain, and then we encounter workers like you two who've gotten involved in National and International Chapters around the world. And we failed to recognize the efforts that are involved in what you do and all that you do that was not expected. But your service to our Order has been extraordinary. But then you cared enough to travel all the way to the Swamp to attend our Grand Session. Wow, I just don't know how we can ever say thank you enough. We deeply appreciate your caring and your sharing enough to take the time to attend this Grand Session. You are truly exhibiting the nature of God's love with your presence here. Thank you so very much.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is my high honor to present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

MWGM Rennie Oton: Thank you Sisters and Brothers all.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress they will remain in the East. (One rap)

Texas is honored with the presence of Elective and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Elective and Appointed Installed Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of presenting these Elected and Installed General Grand Chapter Officers:

Sister Barbara Browning White – RW Associate Grand Matron and PGM of West Virginia

Sister Alma Lynn Bane – RW Grand Secretary and a PGM of Texas

Sister Marianne Shenefeld – RW Associate Grand Conductress and a PGM of Wyoming

Sister Elizabeth H. Bordeaux – Worthy Grand Chaplain and a PGM of Vermont

Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry – Worthy Grand Organist and a PGM of Texas

Sister Marilyn L. Woods – Worthy Grand Adah and PGM of Missouri

Sister Margaret A. Clarke – Worthy Grand Esther and PGM of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

WGM Vi Griffin: When friends have traveled from far and near, coming not as strangers or visitors, but as Sister and Brothers with hearts filled with love and enthusiasm for our beautiful Order, it becomes a high honor to welcome you to Texas and to this Grand Chapter Session. I hope that the hospitality you experience during this stay will reassure you that you will be met with open arms again when you return in November for the General Grand Chapter Assembly. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Sisters for attending our Grand Chapter. As some of you are preparing for higher and larger duties, please keep Texas in mind and in your heart. Texas Eastern Star members are truly devoted to our Order and their talents and resources are now available to you for your use. Whenever you are down and need a quick pick me up, remember what our famous Bob Bullock said when he often promised to “God Bless Texas”. Some of you are approaching the end of your journey and your service to General Grand Chapter, others of you are beginning a long and arduous journey. To both groups we say, well done. Especially to Sister Alma who is a fellow Trustee of the Texas Pot of Gold Foundation, your continued service to General Grand Chapter blesses all of us. I read recently that a true friend knows your weaknesses but shows your strength, he feels your fears but fortifies your Faith, sees your anxiety but frees your spirit, recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities – Thank you for being our friends.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Elective and Appointed Installed Officer of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I present the Elective and Appointed Installed Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will salute them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

We are honored to have the hard working Committee Members of General Grand Chapter with us this afternoon. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you

will present the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present these General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Sisters Shirley H. Colson – Ambassador to Northern Italy and a PGM of Virginia
Elsie Paladino – Appeals and Grievances Committee and a PGM of Texas
Karen Morgenthaler – Cancer Committee and a PGM of Texas
Doris Jean Hester – Credentials Committee and a PGM of Texas
Sister Julie Birrer – Eastern Star Journal and PGM of Wyoming
Sharon Fentress – Executive Committee, Housing Co-Chairman-Texas and a PGM of Texas
Frankie Little – Necrology Committee and a PGM of Iowa
Alma Carter – Registration Committee, U.S. Chairman and a PGM of Texas
Betty Y. Friend – Executive Committee, Social Chairman-Texas and a PGM of Texas
Joyce Gilbert – Youth Committee, U.S. Chairman and a PGM of Texas
Brothers Jerry L. Martin – Ambassador of Hawaii and a PGP of Texas
Duane “Buddy” Baker – Chapter Restoration Committee and a PGP of Texas
David J. Flaxington – Credentials Committee and a PGP of Rhode Island
Ed Warner – ESTARL Committee and a PGP of Texas
Henry S. Martin – Executive Committee, General Chairman, Texas and a PGP of Texas
Kenneth Gregory – Executive Committee, Texas and a PGP of Texas
H. Lee Stallings – Executive Committee, Finance Chairman, Texas and a PGP of Texas
Jerry Trees – Executive Committee, Housing Chairman, Texas and a PGP of Texas
J. William “Bill” Rhyhan – Registration Committee and a PGP of Arizona
Ira Payne – Service Dog Committee and a PGP of Arkansas
Jack W. Guy – Service Dog Committee and a PGP of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Vi Griffin: It is an added happiness to have you join us for this Faith, Family and Friends Session. Each of you has been chosen for the special contribution that only you can make. Thank you for coming and sharing your time with the membership of Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Sisters and Brothers for attending our Grand Chapter. You have been our friends for many years and we appreciate all that you continue to do for our Order. Your big test is coming soon and we all appreciate your efforts to make Texas proud as we welcome the world to Fort Worth in November. Since most of you are from Texas we know you well and are aware of your specific talents. All of the world is looking forward to our General Grand Chapter Session in Fort Worth and when it is all over and the shouting is done, all the world will know how great Texas can be and what a grand party this group has orchestrated. You are our leaders from the past and you continue to show leadership today. Thank you for your service.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, I am delighted to present the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. You will join me as we salute them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap) I am honored to have my co-workers of Other Grand Jurisdictions this afternoon, the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Mavis Payne – WGM of Arkansas

Brenda K. Stull – WGM of Kentucky

Shirley Boone – WGM of Louisiana

Melissa Griffin – WGM of Oklahoma

Brother Gene Cagle – WGP of Louisiana

WGM Vi Griffin: The word WELCOME means to receive gladly into one's presence and this indeed expresses my thought as we extend the hand of fraternal friendship to you. As we share many of the same duties and responsibilities in our respective jurisdictions, I know what it means in terms of time and energy to be away from your duties even for a few days. Your presence with us today cements the strong bonds of friendship and fraternalism that exists between our Grand Jurisdictions. Welcome to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Worthy Grand Patron, will you please greet our co-workers.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Sisters and Brother for attending our Grand Chapter Session. Many of you have been good friends for several years and we've enjoyed attending your Sessions this year. We truly appreciate your presence here. It is an extra effort we know. Best wishes for your continued year of service for our Order. You know we have heard that a warm smile is a universal language of kindness. Thank you for your presence and for your warm smiles.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Conductress, you will escort these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Three raps) (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, it is a joy for me to present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patron of Other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me as we salute them with the Grand Honors. (One rap) They will remain in the East, Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. My friend Sister Shirley Boone, would like to make a presentation and if you come to Texas I'll certainly let you do anything you want to do.

WGM Shirley Boone: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers you know our calendars get very very busy. (Calls WGP David and WGP Gene Cagle to the mic) We always just do what the Worthy Grand Matron says, right? We tried really really hard this year for us to have a fraternal visit, a Texas Louisiana exchange and our calendars just would not permit it. And we do know that when we have these fraternal visits, we look for friends, we look for fellowship, we look for food, and at this Session here we have had all three. And so, we would just like to present to you what we would have done had we gotten our fraternal visit. Our Senior Past Grand Patron, Brother Harold Carlisle always makes a clock for the WGM and WGP from our State and I wanted you to have your clock. (Gene would you get those two bags back there?) So today we would like to present you with your Louisiana clock. With a lot of love.

WGM Vi Griffin: Oh, thank you. How thoughtful.

WGM Shirley Boone: (Those two bags right back there) You can't ever get your Worthy Grand Patron to do what you need him to do. (Laughter)

WGM Vi Griffin: They're being chided by "Mom" (MWGM Rennie Ofton) back there. (WGM Shirley Boone presents clocks to WGM Vi Griffin and WGP David Dibrell)

WGP Gene Cagle: And he guarantees them to be right twice a day. (Laughter and Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you so much. As we have visited the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana on exchange visits in the past, we have seen these clocks and you know when you get in the Grand Line you think, Oh, I'm going to get one of those someday. So I am so proud to add this to our mementos of this year of service and thank you so much. It's a pleasure to have you here. Thank you.

WGM Shirley Boone: Thank you for the honor of presenting.

WGM Vi Griffin: We are privileged that Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions have joined us. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron I have the honor of presenting these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Nancy Lindsey – PGM of Arkansas

Andrea Storjohann – PGM of Idaho

Audrey L. Barker – PGM of Louisiana

Terrie L. Castay – PGM of Louisiana and Grand Secretary of Louisiana

Joyce Denny – PGM of Louisiana

Juanita Wilkinson – PGM of Louisiana

Joy Beth Williams – PGM of Louisiana

Virginia Vandervest – PGM of Minnesota

Margie McConnell– PGM of Oklahoma

Beverly Boyett – PGM of Oklahoma

Brothers Oscar Abshire – PGP of Louisiana

George W. Barker – PGP of Louisiana

John Wayne Harriest – PGP of Louisiana

James Premeaux – PGP of Louisiana

WGM Vi Griffin: Our door of friendship is open wide with a welcome warm and true. No greater joy could come to the Worthy Grand Matron than to welcome you who have served our Order in the highest capacity, yet by your continued service it shows us that you continue to show concern and interest in this great Fraternal Order. I want you to know that I am delighted that you are here. Worthy Grand Patron, will you greet these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for attending our Grand Chapter

Session. Some of you have been our friends for many years and we do appreciate your making the effort to attend. Dr. Seuss told us to not cry because it was over but smile because it happened. Each one of you are all smiles today as you celebrate your past successes and we smile with you and thank you for attending.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) (Three raps)

Sisters and Brothers, it is an honor to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Join me as we salute them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

We are highly honored this afternoon by the presence of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the much loved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas:

Sisters Elise Hammack

Betty Benham

Effie Mae Davis

Yvonne Brownfield

Naomi Wolfe

Jimmie Lee McMahon

Joyce Nicklas

Bess Caldwell

Mary Ruth White

Brothers Richard Ochs

Nelson Campbell

Bill Wyatt - Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Vi Griffin: I stand in awe of this group. Dedication, wisdom, inspiration, guidance, encouragement – these are just a few of the words that come to mind as you stand before us this afternoon. You who have served so graciously and have laid a foundation for us to follow, thank each of you for your continued service to our beautiful Order. Worthy Grand Patron, I know you want to greet these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for attending YOUR Grand Chapter Session. You've all been our friends and we've been honored to serve with you, for you and we do appreciate all that you continue to do for our Order. Dale Carnegie told us to do the hard jobs first, the easy jobs will take care of themselves. You've all done the hard jobs. So now you can enjoy the easy jobs as you serve as a Past Grand. We thank you for your support, for your insight and for your friendship. Thank you for being here.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Conductress, you will escort

these wonderful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers I am honored beyond measure to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Join me as we salute them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

It is such a delight to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to join us for this Session. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Master at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting James F. “Jim” Brumit, The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

WGM Vi Griffin: Grand Master, how honored I am that you have chosen to spend time with us this afternoon. You know, I spent a whole year with the Grand Master so I am well aware of the responsibilities that rest upon your shoulders and I appreciate you taking time from your busy busy schedule to be here with us to cement the Fraternal bonds between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Grand Master and Brother Jim, my friend. The Worthy Grand Matron and I cherish your friendship and have always enjoyed our times together. Dr. Seuss told us to be happy, be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind, don’t matter and those who matter, don’t mind. You matter to us. Thank you for being here.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Master to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, I am honored to present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. You will join with me as we extend to him a loving welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will remain in the East. (One rap) We are honored this afternoon with the presence of Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther’s station.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure to present these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions:
Brothers Charles “Bill” Bane – AGP, District of Columbia and International Headquarters

Administrator

Jerry Harrell – Grand Sentinel of Arkansas

Installed Grand Officers of Louisiana

Sister Linn McNary – Associate Grand Matron

Brother Otto C. Beverly – Associate Grand Patron

Sisters Pamela Gill – Grand Conductress

Kathy Warmack – Associate Grand Conductress

Danneda Perkins – Grand Chaplain

Martha Jo Schexneider – Grand Marshal

Martha Porche – Grand Adah
Geri Rose – Grand Ruth
Dolly Permenter – Grand Esther
Joy Carter – Grand Martha
Wanda Hagemeyer – Grand Electa
Brothers Denny Boyt – Grand Warder
Gerald H. Houston – Grand Sentinel
Robby Binion – Grand Warder of Kentucky
Sister Laura Hider – Grand Chaplain of Oklahoma
Watha Shanks – Grand Warder of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Vi Griffin: You too have busy schedules and plans to make and jobs to do and we appreciate your laying those things aside to spend time with us here in Texas. You are welcome here today and you will always be welcome. Louisiana, I think you have a quorum. (Laughter and applause) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for attending our Grand Chapter. You have many friends here in Texas and we do appreciate all you are doing for our Order over there in Louisiana and other places. We hope that you will enjoy your time here and you will return often to enjoy our Texas hospitality. I want you to always remember that happiness is an inside job.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, I am honored to present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Let's give them a big 'ol Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, we are so honored to have the Deputies of General Grand Chapter with us today. You will present the Deputies of General Grand Chapter in back of Esther's station.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: It is with pleasure Worthy Grand Matron that I present these Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Sylvia Garcia – Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico

Brother Raul Garcia – Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico and Central America

And the International Grand Representative Association President

Sister Phyllis J. Macon, President, International Grand Representative Association GCC

Sister Janice Herridge – Secretary to the Executive Committee,
Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Vi Griffin: Each of you have given much service in the sharing of your unique abilities and the sharing of your lives to our beautiful Order. Thank you for sharing not only with General Grand Chapter but the Grand Chapter of Texas as well. Worthy Grand Patron I know you want to greet.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you, Sisters and Brother. It's good to see you here. This is your Grand Chapter so we are pleased that you're here to work with us. You know we've heard that a cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition. Your presence here provides that sunny disposition and removes any clouds from the sky. Thank you for being here today.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is an honor to present these hard working Deputies of General Grand Chapter who have given so much. The President of the International Grand Representatives Association and the Executive Secretary of the General Grand Chapter Executive Committee, who keeps them all straight. Give them a loving and Grand welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored to have with us those who represent Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present these Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions:
Sister Lennie Jansen – Grand Representative of Texas in Alberta Canada
Brother Robert Johnson – Grand Representative of Texas in California
Sister Patricia A. Martin – Grand Representative of Texas in Delaware
Sister Claudine Rogers – Grand Representative of Texas in Florida
Mary Hayselden – Grand Representative of Texas in Kansas
Selah “Jouette” Duckworth – Grand Representative of Texas in Michigan
Sister Ann Halberg – Grand Representative of Texas in Minnesota
Anita R. Erickson – Grand Representative of Texas in New Jersey
Sister Linda Lunsford – Grand Representative of Texas in Oklahoma
Sister Luella Stephens – Grand Representative of Texas in Washington
Brother Eugene “Gene” Garris – Grand Representative of Texas in Virginia, Order of the Easter Star.

WGM Vi Griffin: We welcome you, Sisters and Brothers. Your service to our Order and to your Grand Jurisdiction is recognized by the recommendation for you to represent Texas in your Grand Jurisdiction. We are very please to extend a fraternal welcome to each of you. Please enjoy our hospitality and come back often. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Sisters and Brothers we thank you for attending our Grand Chapter. You've been selected to represent Texas and we appreciate your taking that charge seriously and in attending this Grand Session. Dale Carnegie tells us that the expression that a woman wears on her face is much more important than the clothes that she wears on her back. We can tell by your expressions how much you love our Order and we truly appreciate your willingness to share that love with us. Thank you for being here.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present the Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions. You will please join me as we salute

them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

We are honored with the presence of those who represent Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Jeanette Bailey – Grand Representative of Indiana in Louisiana

Edna Valentine – Grand Representative of Iowa in Louisiana

Polly Baker – Grand Representative of Missouri in Louisiana

Betty Jo Morgan – Grand Representative of Nebraska in Louisiana

Christel Fisher – Grand Representative of Delaware in New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Vi Griffin: Distinguished friends from Other Grand Jurisdictions, thank you for coming our way today. You are representative of the distinguished members who spread our Eastern Star love beyond the borders of your home states. We are glad you came our way and please know that we consider each of you to be our friend. We are delighted to have you on our side of the Swamp. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to greet these Grand Representatives.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Sisters for attending our Grand Chapter and sometimes it's your Grand Chapter. You represent Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions, wow. That in itself is a bit confusing description but you do not represent a Jurisdiction represented here but we appreciate you representing whatever Jurisdiction that you represent wherever you represent it. (Laughter) Thanks for being here.

WGM Vi Griffin: Are you confused yet?

WGP David Dibrell: I'm totally confused, yeah. (Laughter)

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is an honor to present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

It is an honor to recommend those who are appointed to represent Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas and we are honored with their presence today. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the Altar.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas:

Sister Sandra Power – Alabama

Tom Warner – Alberta

Mary Bond – Arizona
Joe White – Arkansas and a member of the Cardinal Crew
Brother James Rippey – British Columbia and Yukon
Brother Thomas Griffin – Colorado
Sisters Betty Lynn – District of Columbia
Doris Wagner – Florida
Evelyn Peek – Georgia
Brother W. Gail Blackmon – Idaho
Sisters Linda Wentworth – Illinois
Patsy Hewlett – Iowa
Edna Marsh – Kansas
Kate Richardson – Kentucky
Paulette Bartlett – Louisiana
Sue Briwa – Maryland
Darlene Robinson – Massachusetts
Judy Tucker – Michigan
Iris Lowe – Minnesota
Claudine Burgess – Mississippi
Linda Hargis – Missouri
Patsy Duke – Nevada
Brother Paul Zappe – New Mexico
Sister Fran Curtis – North Carolina
Brother John Elkinton – North Dakota
Bart Henderson – Oklahoma
Sisters Marti Atkerson – Ontario
Wanda Kimball – Pennsylvania
Cathy Cannon – Quebec
Sharon London – Rhode Island
Kitty Welch Thompson – Sao Paulo, Brazil
Frances Hood – Saskatchewan
Evelyn Huddleston – Tennessee
Brother Boyd A. Kramer – Utah
Sister Linda Carney – Vermont
Heidi Jenkins – Virginia
Brother Bert Knisely – Washington
Trey Smith – West Virginia
Sister Mickie Campbell – Wisconsin
Brother Jack Beall – Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Vi Griffin: Distinguished members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, how proud these Grand Jurisdictions would be to see you standing here behind the Altar this afternoon, knowing that you bring their Greetings and proudly represent them here at this 130th Session. Thank each of you for your continued dedication and devotion to the principles and teachings of our Order. Know that we are proud of each one of you and welcome you most sincerely. Worthy Grand Patron, these are our people. I know you want to greet them.

WGP David Dibrell: They are! Thank you Sisters and Brothers for attending your Grand Chapter and you have been selected to represent Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions and

when you have visited those we appreciate you representing Texas well. Thank you for your travels and thank you for taking Texas “Love” to all the other Jurisdictions. You know we’ve heard that a pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects to change it, while the realist adjusts the sails. Thank you for being realists and adjusting your sails to tell the world about Texas.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is my high honor to present the Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Texas. Join me as we salute them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, we are happy to have the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. They have joined us today. You will present these Special Appointments in back of Esther’s station.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting these Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters Gay Carnes – Who’s Who/Tri-Line Book and Cardinal Crew

Barbara Grobler – Secretary to the Acting MWGP

Brother Jerry Neuenschwander – Choir Director, GCC

Members of the Cardinal Crew:

Sisters Willie Mae Shaw – Chairman

Georgia Campbell

Sarah Coursey

Betty Martin

Opal Martin

Betty Morris

Sharon Mosmeyer

Patricia Stallings

Janell Trees

Brother Karl A. Drescher, Sr.

Sister Nannette Gwaltney – Travel Coordinator

And I am Jayne Yenger, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Vi Griffin: You all have been working on General Grand Chapter projects for so long that I bet that you can’t remember when you weren’t working on a General Grand Chapter project or working for the Texas Cardinals and if you thought you were busy before, I can guarantee you that business is about to pick up as we prepare for the General Grand Chapter Assembly. Sister Rennie knows and now the whole Grand Chapter of Texas knows that you are a hard-working and dependable group and I commend you for the work that you have done and the work that you will continue to do until November the 9th. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, we appreciate

you attending your Grand Chapter. You've been friends for many many years and we appreciate everything that you are doing and everything you are about to do for, not just this Grand Chapter, but for General Grand Chapter. I read recently that the best way to succeed is to help others to succeed. Thank you for all you do in helping others to succeed.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron will be presented in the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers please join me as we welcome to this Session the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause) Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored this afternoon to have with us the Presiding Officers, the State and National Presiding Officers of Appendent Bodies of Masonry. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these Presiding Officers in back of Esther's station.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting this distinguished member of Appendent Bodies:

Brother Milton F. Baker – Past Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Louisiana, Order of the Amaranth.

WGM Vi Griffin: Brother Milton, I see that you are wearing a green jacket and that tells me that you do double duty in our Fraternities. Thank you for coming to share your time with us. We appreciate the leadership that you provide in other organizations in our Fraternal family. We are so happy that you have chosen to be here and we welcome you.

WGP David Dibrell: Brother Milton, thank you especially for attending this Grand Chapter and helping with the sound booth. We appreciate your service to all the other organizations. I'll remind you that Dr. Seuss said that today was good, today was fun, tomorrow is another one. We hope that your tomorrows will be another one. Thank you for being here.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present this Presiding Officer of Appendent Body in the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is a delight to welcome this Presiding Officer of an Appendent Body. You will extend Brother Milton a very warm welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress he will remain in the East.

We are honored this afternoon with the presence of youth and adult leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these leaders of our Youth Organizations in back of Esther's station.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Sisters Marlene Dibrell – Supreme Nature and Supreme Liaison to Mexico

Jo Ann Weaver – Supreme Deputy in Texas

Boston White – Grand Worthy Advisor

Brother J. Weldon Clampitt – State Executive Officer, Texas DeMolay Association

WGM Vi Griffin: We thank each of you adult leaders for the leadership that you provide to these young men and women of Texas. Because we realize that they are the future of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister Boston, we realize that you are one of the future leaders and I know of your aspirations. And we extend to each of you a sincere welcome and know that the Order of the Eastern Star are here to help each of you in any way that we can in all of your endeavors. Worthy Grand Patron, I know of your close ties to these Youth Organizations, please greet them.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Sisters and Brothers for attending your Grand Chapter Session. You have all been friends for many years and we appreciate all that you continue to do for the Youth Groups that you lead and for our Order. Dr. Seuss also tells us, reminds us that adults are obsolete children. We know that you're not obsolete yet so don't let it happen. Thank you for being here.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort these Adult and Youth Leaders of Youth Organizations to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is an honor to present these Youth and Adult Leaders of our Fraternal Youth Organizations. Extend to them a very loving welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you have beautifully executed your duties. Sisters and Brothers, please express our appreciation to these Sisters for their preparation and outstanding proficiency. (Applause)

To everyone who came to join us at the *FOUNDATIONS OF OUR LIVES* Session of the *FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDS* Grand Chapter, we extend to each of you our warmest welcome. Thank you very much.

I am always quick to tell that I have a special friend in the White House and to bring the response to the welcome is one who exemplifies dignity and thoughtfulness and poise everywhere she goes. She is a frequent visitor of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sisters and Brothers it is my honor to present from the White House, Sister Bobbi White, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia. I invite you to bring the response.

RWAGM Bobbi White: Well she caught me off guard with that one. I could say something about that but I probably better not. What a great welcome we have received since our arrival. All of your guests are extremely pleased to be with you as you celebrate 130 years of Eastern Star in the great state of Texas! (Olé! Yeehaw!) Olé, as Rennie says, at your *Faith, Family and Friends, Foundations of Life Session*. Of course your hospitality here is legendary and we are all enjoying your thoughtful courtesies. And it always reminds me of my many visits to your Grand Jurisdictions. I count many of you as friends I have come to know over the many years I've been coming here. And I always feel at home in Texas. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for your many courtesies we have enjoyed since our arrival and wish for you a harmonious Session with all your dreams and

plans fulfilled. At this Session right before General Grand Chapter Assembly in Fort Worth in November, you are honoring as your distinguished members, Sisters Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain, Rosemary Swetland our Worthy Grand Organist and all of the other General Grand Chapter Appointments. They have all performed outstanding service to the General Grand Chapter through many years and are to be commended on their service to our Order and humanity in making the world a better place. Now I'm going to veer just a second, the Worthy Grand Matron gave me permission to do this, and I was going to ask, I was going to read the list of Appointments for the next Triennium to you. The Past Grands got a sneak peak during their luncheon but I was going to ask them to come to the East but I really don't think any of them are in here. So we'll see. It's always a pleasure to recognize the good works of others and to give them another opportunity of service to our Order. Those who have accepted positions for the 2012-2015 Triennium to begin in Fort Worth, Texas on November 8, 2012 are your following members:

Brother Nelson Campbell will serve on the Cancer Committee

Brother Jerry Martin will serve on the Scottish Rite Committee

Brother Bill Wyatt will be on the Shrine Charities Committee

Sister Joyce Nicklas will be a member of the Support Our Military Committee

Brother Glen Whitaker will be on the Heart Committee

Your present Worthy Grand Matron, Vi Griffin will be a part of the Public Relations Committee, she's here and there's Joyce back there!

Brother Bill Bane will serve again as the International Headquarters Administrator

Sisters Betty Benham and Janice Herridge will be Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron

We hope that you will support them in their efforts in the coming years as they work for the Good of our Order. Now I would like to share just a little story with you about Texas women. It seems that three men were bragging about how they had given their new wives chores and duties to do. The first man had married a woman from New York and told her to do all the dishes and clean the house. He said it took a couple of days but the third day he came home to a clean house and all the dishes were done. The second man had married a woman from New Jersey and bragged that he had given his wife orders to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. On the first day he didn't see any results. The next day it was better. By the third day the house was clean, the dishes were done and a delicious dinner was on the table. The third man had married a Texas woman and had told her to keep the house clean, the dishes washed, the lawn mowed, the laundry done and hot meals on the table three times a day. He said the first day he didn't see anything and the second day he didn't see anything. But by the third day, most of the swelling had gone down in his left eye, he could see a little. Thank you and good afternoon. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: I am honored to present the first person I met at Sister Rennie's Tri-Line Gathering in 2008. Sister Mavis Payne the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas. Bring us Greetings.

WGM of Arkansas Mavis Payne: Alright. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, it indeed an honor and pleasure for me to have this opportunity to respond to the Greetings and express our gratitude on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand

Patrons in other Grand Jurisdictions here with you this afternoon at your *130th Faith, Family and Friends* Session. I'm proud to call Texas my other home state, as Texas is the state I was born in. I guess that gives me bragging rights. Sister Vi? I don't think you'll find any people any friendlier than Texans. We appreciate very muchly the warm welcomes and special greetings that we have received. Sister Vi, it has been a pleasure to serve with you as we travelled to the Grand East and I hope our friendship lasts a very long time. May the culmination of your Sessions be the fulfillment of all your dreams and plans. May God in his greatness guide and direct you in all your deliberations. I would like to take this opportunity of extending to each one of you here today an invitation to visit Arkansas for our *Faith, Hope and Love* Session in Little Rock on December the 5th, 6th and 7th. I do understand that that is about the time you have your Grand Lodge but maybe some of you Sisters can sneak away. On behalf of your distinguished guests and members it is my honor to present to you and Brother David these love gifts.

WGM Vi Griffin: Oh, thank you.

WGM of Arkansas Mavis Payne: And I also have a little gift from me that was made in Arkansas. These gifts help fight hunger in Arkansas and the proceeds of them go to the Fight Hunger Campaign.

WGM Vi Griffin: Hillbilly Chili Mix!

WGM of Arkansas Mavis Payne: Well, your Sisters and Brothers thank you and may your richest blessings continue to be yours. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Mavis for brings the response to our greetings. Sisters and Brothers, I got the cart before the horse again. And Sister Marlene Scholari, we made a motion before we were open so we need to hit the rewind button and make our motion that the chapters with delinquent Annual Reports, we need to lick that calf over.

GS Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to make a motion that the late chapters be granted their credentials for this Grand Chapter Session.

WGP David Dibrell: Second

WGM Vi Griffin: I have a motion and a second that the chapters who were delinquent with their Annual Reports be allowed to pick up their credentials. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your green card. Any opposed? That motion carries. Now I think we're back on track. According to our Code of Laws, in Article 155A, the Worthy Grand Matron shall immediately after the opening of Grand Chapter fill all vacancies on the following Standing Committees. In accordance with those laws, I have two vacancies on the By-Laws Committee and Sister Dawn Larson who has been an efficient Chairman and Sister Barbara Hines are not with us, and I appoint Sister Earlene Angel and Sister Jane Mohon to fill these positions. Brother Ben Day who has served on the By-Laws Committee will give the report. Sister Wanda Fairchild on the Chapters UD Committee is unable to be with us and how we miss her, Sister Naomi Wolfe, I would like to appoint you to fill the vacancy on the Chapter UD Committee. We regret that some of our beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are unable to be in attendance at this Session and therefore, I am asking Sister Betty Friend and Sister Mary Ruth White to serve on the committee to send greetings to

those special ones, letting them know how much the membership misses them. I have a note here that Sister Lorraine Williams has left the event center and gone to the hospital here in Beaumont to be with Sister Nancy Brown. This note says that Sister Nancy's blood pressure has dropped even lower and she is meeting with another cardiologist. So Sisters and Brothers, let's keep Sister Nancy in our prayers while she goes through this uncertain time of medical dilemma. Sisters and Brothers, are there any announcements? Grand Secretary? Okay, we will be closing this Session shortly and immediately after the closing, we will have the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent and the Grand Representatives Drill. The Fraternal Correspondent has worked hard on this report and our Grand Representatives are proud of the positions and the Grand Jurisdictions that they represent and I ask that you remain for that presentation. I now invite Sister Alma Carter, Registration Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring our Benediction. (Three raps)

PGM Alma Carter: Almighty and everlasting Father, give us a contrite and loving spirit this day. Look merciful upon this body and govern our minds and spirits that we may wisely and judiciously perform the task for which we have assembled. May we always remember we are making decisions for all members of our Order. We thank thee for the leadership of those who have served this great membership in years past and those in the future. Eternal God, we ask you to be with our great nation and the world. We ask you to be with the sick minds and the troubled and lost humanity. Bless our new leaders. Give them wisdom and understanding. May they have safe travels as they bring lessons of love and understanding. In His holy name we pray. Amen (Amen) (One rap)

(WGM Vi Griffin calls the Session from Labor to Rest until 8:15 a.m. Friday morning.)

WGM Vi Griffin: The Arrangements committee will clear the floor for the Grand Representatives presentation and while this is being done I will invite the Fraternal Correspondent to the East. Sisters and Brothers I am pleased to present the hard working Sister Melanie Rayner, our Fraternal Correspondent and she will present the report of the Fraternal Correspondent and our Circle of Friendship Drill. Sister Melanie.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Fraternal Correspondent is one of those interesting jobs that you don't know what you are getting into until you get into it. And I'm glad I got into it. Last year when I began as Fraternal Correspondent, I knew it was not only going to be a busy year but an interesting one. Through this appointment I have been able to travel from Alabama to Rhode Island, to Alberta to New Mexico, and many other locations in between. After reading all of the reports, which were published in the Bulletin, I feel as though I could almost write a travel brochure of things to see and do in the various states you have sent reports on. I know that if you travel to Rhode Island you have to stop in Connecticut at Junior's for cheesecake; in Alabama, head for Boaz to the "Lost Luggage" store (who knows, you may find yours); and there are many other interesting places. The one consistent thread winding through all of the reports was the friendliness of each Grand Chapter visited. Of course, this did not surprise me because no matter where we live, we all share the same fraternal bond.

Also, as Fraternal Correspondent, I had the pleasure of sending out letters to the newly commissioned Grand Representatives congratulating them on their appointment. Over the past

several months, there were 23 such letters mailed. I must admit that there were several times when I received an email telling me who the new Grand Representative was, my heart swelled knowing that commission had been given to someone I hold very dear.

Before I close, I must say thing you to a few people. I want to first thank Sisters Leslie Lowry and Phyllis Macon for keeping me up to date on new appointments, addresses and phone numbers. Your help has been immeasurable. I also would like to thank the Grand Representatives for sending their reports and allowing me to go on vacation through those reports. Finally, I would like to give a deep and heartfelt thank you to my Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment. The past four years have been an amazing journey and this appointment has been the proverbial cherry on top of the sundae.

And now, with the assistance of our Grand Marshal, I present our Grand Representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions in Texas and their counterparts.

(The Grand Representatives Drill)

Alabama, Sister Sandra Power
Alberta, Brother Tom Warner and his counterpart, Sister Lennie Jenson
Arizona, Sister Mary Bond
Arkansas, Brother Joseph White
British Columbia and Yukon, Brother James Rippey
The Grand Representative of Texas in California, Brother Bob Johnson
Colorado, Brother Thomas F. Griffin
Grand Representative of Texas in Delaware, Patricia Martin
District of Columbia, Sister Betty Lynn
Florida, Sister Doris Wagner and her counterpart Sister Claudine Rogers
Georgia, Sister Evelyn Peek
Idaho, Brother Gail Blackmon
Illinois, Sister Linda Wentworth
Iowa, Sister Patsy Hewlett
Kansas, Sister Edna Marsh and her counterpart Sister Mary Hazeldo
Louisiana, Paulette Bartlett
Maryland, Sister Sue Briwa
Massachusetts, Sister Darlene Robinson
Michigan, Sister Judy Tucker and her counterpart Sister Sela Duckworth
Minnesota, Sister Iris Lowe, Sister Annie Halberg
Mississippi, Sister Claudine Burgess
Missouri, Sister Linda Hargis
Nevada, Sister Patsy Duke
Grand Representative of Texas in New Jersey, Anita Erickson
New Mexico, Brother Paul Zappe
North Carolina, Sister Fran Curtis
North Dakota, Brother John Elkinton
Oklahoma, Brother Bart Henderson and his counterpart, Sister Linda Lunsford
Ontario, Sister Marti Atkerson
Pennsylvania, Sister Wanda Kimball
Quebec, Sister Cathy Cannon

Rhode Island, Sister Sharon London
Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sister Kitty Welch Thompson
Saskatchewan, Sister Frances Hood
Tennessee, Sister Evelyn Huddleston
Utah, Brother Boyd Kramer
Vermont, Sister Linda Carney
Virginia, Sister Heidi Jenkins and her counterpart Sister Jean Jaris
Washington, Brother Bert Knisely and his counterpart Sister Louella Stephens
West Virginia, Brother Trey Smith
Wisconsin, Sister Mickie Campbell
Wyoming, Brother Jack Beall

I would also like to recognize some Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions, if you are still in the building, please stand.

Sisters: Jeannette Bailey, Grand Representative to Indiana in Louisiana
Edna Valentine, Iowa in Louisiana
Polly Baker, Missouri in Louisiana
Betty Jo Morgan, Nebraska in Louisiana
Crystal Fisher, Delaware in New Mexico
And Julie Bear, Maine in Wyoming

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, welcome to Texas and thank you Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas for travelling many miles and for those of you who have also travelled, thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Melanie, and Grand Representatives and Sister B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal.

Sisters and Brothers, we look forward to you joining us this evening for the Grand Chapter Follies, a Rob Morris Celebration. Please remember this is an informal affair. You guys may want to leave your jackets and ties at home but ladies it might be a little cool so you might want to bring a jacket, but I ask that you not wear slacks. You are dismissed for the evening. Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

130th Session Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
“Faith, Family and Friends”
Friday Morning Session
July 27, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
Ford Park Event Center
Beaumont, Texas
Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron and
David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron

8:00 a.m.
Musical Prelude

Mrs. Linda Love
Past Matron, Evadale 1111

PGM Joyce Nicklas: (Sister Joyce began with Lost and Found items) Good Morning Sisters and Brothers! I am so happy that our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Vi Griffin has allowed me the privilege of opening and having my Worthy Grand Patron stand beside me this morning for the Friday morning “*Family – The Joy of Our Lives Session*”. It is quite appropriate that we were chosen to open the *Family* part of this session because the WGM and Tommy are like family to me. In fact, I was at their house so often when I was a candidate that Tommy sent adoption papers to David. (Laughter) We have really enjoyed the musical prelude this morning by Mrs. Linda Love, she is a Past Matron of Evadale 1111. You know what, she can get your toes a tapping. So let’s show her our appreciation this morning. (Applause) Opening yesterday, the beautiful reflection of the year and it was only natural that we think back to our last Session in Beaumont where the weather was....do you remember what it was the last time we were in Beaumont? It was raining all the time. So we had a little sprinkle yesterday but I think the weather is much better. But you know what? Your hospitality never changes – it’s always great. I would like to thank all the committees for your hard work to make this Grand Chapter comfortable for everyone, and I know this will be an outstanding Grand Chapter. I would like to say something a little personal to our WGM. Sisters and Brothers, I do appreciate all of the cards and calls I got after my accident but when you are stuck way out in the country no one can come and see you, it gets pretty lonely. And the WGM had a very, very busy schedule all year. She had a Fraternal Visit in Ft. Worth, only 65 miles from where I live. She took time out of her schedule to drive to my house after going to the grocery store. She came to the house and she prepared supper for us. David was so happy he had something to eat because I couldn’t get up. She also then set up the ironing board and she ironed all of David’s work clothes, so he could go to court looking unwrinkled. So that’s a friend, that’s family and that’s what each and every one of us all are, so I thank her for that. Brother Ray, you know what? I think it’s time that you tell everyone here Good Morning!

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Gooooood Morning Beaumont, Texas! It is good to be here this morning and I enjoyed the opportunity to open this Session with my WGM Sister Joyce Nicklas. I would like to bring a little welcome to Sister Vi and Brother David. Sister Vi, we’ve travelled a lot of roads between sunflowers and rocking horses. We’ve paused, rewound, and we have now fast forwarded all the way to the *Family – The Joy of Our Lives Session* of Grand Chapter. It is my honor to have worked with you in the past and it is my honor to

call you a friend today. Sister Vi, I want to thank you for allowing me the honor of opening up this Grand Chapter Session with my WGM Sister Joyce Nicklas. Brother David, in 2001 you served as Grand Master of Masons in Texas with honor to the office, dedication to the membership, and compassion as a Christian. You have carried forward those traits as you have served this Grand Chapter. I was proud to be a Mason in 2001 and I'm proud to be an Eastern Star today under your leadership.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Thank you Brother Ray for those wonderful words. Brother David, you also taught some very useful tricks and I have shared with people over the state and that's how to get pepper out of the bottle. You take the salt and put it on top of the pepper and twist. He can't hear me. I was told to talk slower...Is that better? Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the "Rocking Horse" drill.

(Rocking Horse Drill performed by the Grand Officers and their Pages)

I invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

(Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is with great honor I present Sister Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother David B. Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with love and respect that I present you your gavel this morning. Please, I don't have to remind you cause you know I love you bunches and bunches.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call the *Family – The Joy of Our Lives* Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this *Family – The Joy of Our Lives* Session from Rest to Labor and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Grand Sentinel: (after he confirms that the doors are secure) Sister Grand Warder there will be no interruptions.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

Associate Grand Matron Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. (The GC and the AGC prove the Chapter Session) Worthy Grand Matron, I find all present are members of the Order.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (Three raps) Our invocation this morning will be voiced by Brother John Creel, Past Grand Patron.

PGP John Creel: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as we start our Grand Chapter meeting “Faith, Family, and Friends”, let’s pray for the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, the Officers and of course our lovely members. Especially those that could not attend today and for those that are here. May we continue the day with peace, love and understanding and of course caring for one another. Let us remember our men and women that are serving in our Armed Forces today. In God’s name we pray. Amen (Amen)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: (One rap) The Scripture I have chosen to guide us today will be presented by Sister Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Mary Ruth White: The Scripture selected by our Worthy Grand Matron this morning is Psalms 133:1-3. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head. It ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life evermore.”

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I now declare this *Family-The Joy of Our Lives* Session called from Rest to Labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, this Family-The Joy of Our Lives Session is called from Rest to Labor. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: It is well. Thank you, Sister Joyce Nicklas and Brother Ray Hertenberger for opening this *Family-The Joy of Our Lives* Session. I appreciate the support that each one of you have given to us through the years. I want you to know Sister Joyce that “Ewes” special and I love you right “Baaaaaack”. (Laughter) Worthy Grand Patron, I’m sure you have greetings for these.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Joyce Nicklas, Past Grand Matron we appreciate your calling this Session to order with your Past Grand Patron Ray Hertenberger. We truly feel the peace of His kingdom by having you two call this Session to order.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I invite those who will be presenting reports to be seated...in the East...until I tell you to stand. (Laughter) As a reminder, those who are presenting reports for this Grand Chapter Session, please be certain that the Grand Secretary or her Pages have copies of your report. As we may not have time to call for all of the committee reports, if any of you wish to see these, our Grand Secretary or her Pages will be happy to let you look at the reports and of course they will be printed in the proceedings. Sisters and Brothers, we will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter. If at any time you do not understand what you are voting on, please let us know and we will do our best to explain more clearly so that you can totally understand. The appointed Parliamentarian is Sister Willie Mae Shaw. This is your Grand Chapter and it is your business. We want to conduct that business in a manner that would be best and easiest for you. Sister Willie Mae Shaw, I invite you to bring your report.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I call your attention to the Grand Chapter Session Book pages 47, 48 and 49 that contain the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter. You will probably be pleased to know that I am not going to read all of them for you, but I would like to point out Number 9 which states: "Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer if there is no objection." We have a timekeeper and time will be called if your debate lasts longer than three minutes. Number 12.e relating to the asterisked "previous question." It states: "A member wishing to close debate shall proceed to a microphone; wait to be recognized; address the Presiding Officer; state your name, title, chapter name and number; and then make the following motion: "I move the previous question." Simply calling out the word "question" from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer. And, Number 22. No food or drinks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the Parliamentary Rules for this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? The only discussion that I would add is I know Sisters and Brothers on Rule 22 that you do need a drink of water, but please don't bring your Route 44 Cherry Limeade in here or bring a sandwich from the concession stand but we know it's going to be a long Session so if you have a cheese cracker, don't leave your trash on the floor. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor of adopting the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure please raise your green card. Those opposed? That motion carries. (One rap) The Green cards are for the voting delegates and the Gold cards are for Chapter Representatives. Constitutional amendments require delegate approval and Chapter Representative approval. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 25% of the Chapter Representatives present. That means in this room when we're conducting business. I know Sisters and Brothers, those vendors are enticing but Please stay with us. I appoint Sister Jane Hudson our Timekeeper. She is equipped with a brand new electronic timer. We want you to know that there are microphones in the West, North, South and of course, you are welcome to use the microphones in the East. There are Arrangements personnel standing by each microphone to assist you if there is a problem. After you are recognized, please give your name, title, and Chapter and then proceed with your statement and now that we have the Parliamentary procedure defined we are ready to begin our business. I call on Sister Betty Fogarty for a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

Sister Betty Fogarty: Worthy Grand Matron I am pleased to report that we have eight more Chapter Representatives which gives us a total of 299 and this does constitute a quorum.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Betty. I call for the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation, Brother Bill Wyatt.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Worthy Grand Matron, this Committee would like to thank you for giving us

the opportunity to serve on this Committee this year. At this time, I would like to give regrets from Sister Wanda Fairchild who was unable to be with us today. Our prayers are with her. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all, although the Committee did not have no official duties to report on, as a member of this Committee I did attend the constituting of Kurten Chapter #1146 on September 9, 2011 and Lindale Chapter #1147 on October 7, 2011. We do have a copy of both Chapters minutes. This report is signed by Bill Wyatt and Ray Hertenberger. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we accept the report of this Committee. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to accept the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your Green card. Any opposed? Motion carries. (One Rap) Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I will now call for the Worthy Grand Matron for her report.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Distinguished members, each one of you, you have read the annual report of the Worthy Grand Matron which is printed in the Advanced Proceedings and we all learned how to read when we were in the third grade, so I'm not going to read all that to you again. But I would like to report that since the submission of that annual report, I have been privileged to be with the membership on many occasions. It was an honor to participate in seven installations in addition to being installed as Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649. It is always a delight to be among the young ladies of Texas Rainbow and I enjoyed every moment of Texas Grand Assembly. Thank you, Sister JoAnn Weaver for the privilege to bring Greetings to that Assembly during the opening ceremonies.

The Worthy Grand Patron and I joined the TMRC Delightful Days Committee and a room filled with TMRC residents for a Summer Celebration on June 24th. Beach Party Bingo, tropical punch and ice cream was the order of the day and it was a great afternoon. Later that same day our hearts grieved with the passing of our much loved Past Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory. I attended her beautiful memorial service in Pasadena.

I was accompanied by the District Deputy Grand Matron of District Four to the Retirement Banquet honoring Sisters Karen Kidd and Lorraine Williams. Good food, good fellowship and good folk are hard to beat but when you throw in good entertainment in the way of the Blackwood Quartet, well, the evening just doesn't get much better and I thank these two for their dedicated service.

The Swamp Fest on May 19th was an overwhelming success. The weather cooperated beautifully, the mosquitoes were not too aggressive and everyone seemed to have a great time. With the proceeds of the Fried Catfish Dinner that we had at lunch that day, we were able to present another scholarship to a deserving student. The "Swamper Stomper Shoe Contest" was great fun with prizes given in several categories. And I give a huge Thank You to Brothers Dusty Martin and Gene Reynolds and Sister Sharon Reynolds and the whole

Swamp Fest Committee.

The Deputy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron and I met with several members of a Chapter experiencing discord over the management of a Memorial Fund. A solution was formulated by the members of that Chapter and the Chapter will vote on that solution.

Following the May 19, 2012 Board of Directors meeting, I advised the Board of Directors Chairman that the Board could not change any of the signing authority on any bank account without Legislation and asked that the Board have no further discussions with the Bankers on this subject. Subsequently a letter was directed to the Jurisprudence Committee, which that Committee will report on. Misrepresentation of the Board and misstatements contained in that letter and ensuing misrepresentation of the origin of that letter have resulted in the removal as Board Officers – the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. They do remain active members of the Board.

It has come to my attention that Legislation with regard to the sale of the Eastern Star Home that was passed contained a statement that a full accounting of the proceeds of the sale of the Home would be printed in the Official Bulletin, to my knowledge that printing has not occurred. Therefore, I am appointing an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Brother David Dibrell, Sisters Karen Kidd, Lorraine Williams and our Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens. I charge this Committee to research and prepare a detailed accounting of the proceeds from the sale of the Eastern Star Home. This report will be printed in the Official Bulletin no later than February, 2013 and that will mean, Committee, that the report will need to be finalized by January 1, 2013.

Sisters and Brothers, please accept my most sincere thanks for a year of joyful service, filled with possibilities that will forever be etched in my treasure trove of memories. Thank you very much. (Applause)

(Report on next page)

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
2011-2012
MRS. VI GRIFFIN**

This year of *Faith, Family and Friends* has been a dynamic adventure into a World of Possibilities. Thank you seems such a trifling phrase to convey my sincere appreciation for each act of kindness and each courtesy demonstrated as I have had the opportunity to greet you along the way. You have sustained me with your prayers and encouraged me with your smiles and hugs. You have welcomed me, not only into your Chapters, but into your hearts. You have supported the 2011-2012 projects with unbelievable enthusiasm. And now, it is my happy privilege to welcome you to this 130th “Faith, Family and Friends” Session.

IN MEMORIAM

“In our journey through the labyrinth of life, God places in our paths individuals to provide us with wisdom, as they teach us humility; love, as they show us patience and courage in the face of adversity.”

It is with sorrow that I report the deaths of this Past Grand Matron and these Past Grand Patrons:

Garland Rattan, Worthy Grand Patron 1992-1993,
passed away on August 22, 2011.

Leland G. Benefield, Worthy Grand Patron 1993-1994,
passed away on August 23, 2011.

Molly Goodpasture, Worthy Grand Matron 1963-1964,
passed away on September 1, 2011.

Billy Combest, Worthy Grand Patron 1995-1996,
passed away on January 31, 2012.

I was privileged to attend the services of Brother Garland and Brother Leland and the visitation for Brother Billy. My thoughts and prayers were with the family of Sister Molly as time and distance would not allow for my attendance.

I extend my condolences to the families of those in our Subordinate Chapters who have passed during this Grand Chapter year.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS
2011-2012**

One of the nicest duties that a Worthy Grand Matron has the sweet privilege to perform is to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions those who have continually served their Chapters, Grand Chapter and the Order. It was my happy privilege to recommend the following deserving members for Grand Representative Commissions:

Alberta	Mr. Tom Warner
Australia	Mrs. Jane Wert
Bolivia, S.A.	Mrs. Sadie Thomas
British Columbia& Yukon	Mr. James Rippey
Colorado	Mr. Thomas F. Griffin
Georgia	Mrs. Evelyn Peek
Idaho	Mr. Gail Blackmon
Kentucky	Mrs. Kate Richardson
Louisiana	Mrs. Paulette Bartlett
Maryland	Mrs. Sue Briwa
Massachusetts	Mrs. Darlene Robinson
Minnesota	Mrs. Iris Lowe
Mississippi	Mrs. Claudine Burgess
North Carolina	Mrs. Fran Curtis
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Wanda Kinball
Washington	Mr. Bert Knisley
Wisconsin	Mrs. Mickie Campbell

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS
IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

I was pleased to appoint these Grand Representatives of Texas at the recommendation of my co-workers in other jurisdictions:

Alabama	Mrs. Mary Jo Shell
Arizona	Mrs. Anne Johnson
British Columbia & Yukon	Mrs. Sheena Danessa
California	Mr. Robert (Bob) Johnson
Colorado	Mr. Robert Walker
Delaware	Mrs. Patricia Martin
District of Columbia	Ms Jamie Posey
Florida	Mrs. Claudine Rogers
Idaho	Mrs. Gayle Worthington
Indiana	Mrs. Betty Yeager
Kentucky	Mrs. Angie Payne
Louisiana	Mr. Sidney Sullivan
Manitoba	Mrs. Dorothy McEachran

Massachusetts	Mrs. Marcia L. Thomas
Michigan	Mrs. Jouette Duckworth
Minnesota	Mrs. Annie Halberg
Missouri	Mrs. Carol Williams
Nevada	Mrs. Connie Orton
North Dakota	Mrs. Marilyn Johnson
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island	Mrs. Evie Jean Lazenby
Ohio	Mrs. Carol Musselman
Ontario	Mrs. Helen Banna
Quebec	Mr. Eric Sanborn, PGP
Saskatchewan	Mr. Loyd Pethick, PGP
Scotland	Mrs. Nancy Ness
South Dakota	Mrs. Shirley Heald
Vermont	Mr. E. Stuart Coleman
Washington	Mrs. Luella "Lu" Stephens
Wisconsin	Mrs. Ethel Michaelis

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

It was my privilege to attend the Constituting Ceremonies of Kurten Chapter #1146 on September 9, 2011 and Lindale #1147 on October 7, 2011. By invitation of the Worthy Grand Patron, I was honored to serve as the Installing Grand Officer in each ceremony.

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS AND ASSOCIATED FRATERNAL VISITS

Mrs. Marion Pierce, District Deputy Grand Matron, District One			
10/28-29	Section 9	Marshall	Nancy Parkison
10/31-11/1	Sections 6 & 7	Palestine	Sharon James Becky Cole
11/7-8	Section 9	Omaha	Andra Clay
11/9-10	Section 10	Quitman	Sharon Prague
11/11-12	Section 3	Caddo Mills	LizBeth Lachnitt
11/14-15	Section 2	Sherman	Jana Lubbers
11/16-17	Section 1	Gainsville	Ramona Kirkpatrick
11/18-19	Sections 4 & 5	Mesquite	Judith Croft Debora Boldin

Mrs. Kay Hale, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two

9/23-24	Sections 1, 2 & 3	Canyon	Frances Guthrie Jeanne Freedman
9/26-27	Section 4 & 5	Lubbock	Peggy Wright Tanya Meadows Debbie Martin
9/28-29	Section 6	Wichita Falls	Wanda Holland
9/30 & 10/1	Section 7	Abilene	Sheryl Kolterman
10/3-4	Section 10	El Paso	Louise Pierce
10/5-6	Section 8	Seminole	Nadine Wilson

Mrs. Judy Baker, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Three

8/31-9/1	Sections 9 & 7	Waco	Elaine Batchelor
9/7-8	Section 8	Temple	Norma Blalack
9/10	Sections 2,3 & 4	Weatherford	Delores Long Beverly Shoun
9/12-13	Sections 5 & 6	Goldwaiethe	Elaine Black Deb Turner
9-14-15	Section 10	Hillsboro	Deborah Farr
10/16-17	Section 1	Fort Worth	Donna Noe

Ms Terri Rozell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Four

1/7	Section 1	Lufkin	Linda Star
1/9-10	Section 3	Livingston	Levon Turner
1/11-12	Section 7	Conroe	Lee Sloan
1/13-14	Section 5	Houston	Francie Spirkoff
1/16-17	Section 8	Caldwell	Jennifer Cowden
1/18-19	Section 6	Franklin	Jeanette Davis
1/23-24	Section 4	New Caney	Betty Duncan
1/25-26	Section 10	West Columbia	Marita Lewis
1/27-28	Section 2	Port Arthur	Lura LaBove

Mrs. Jane Hudson, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Five

10/12-13	Section 3 & 4	Blanco	Joan Miller
10/14-15	Section 6	Austin	Angela Hausner
10/20-21	Section 9 & 10	Alice	Dorette Smith Bernice Coleman
10/24-25	Section 4 & 5	Lytle	Pat Crawford
10/26-27	Section 8	Victoria	Lonnie Maywald
11/4 & 5	Section 7	San Antonio	Linda Rowland

ADDITIONAL FRATERNAL VISITS

August 20, 2012	Anahuac 649
August 27, 2011	Dal-Cliff #572
September 20, 2011	Andral Vann#741
December 5, 2011	Ferris #508
December 13, 2011	Handley #617
December 19, 2011	Archives #1095
December 20, 2011	Beaumont #71
December 29, 2011	LaPorte #683 & Cedar Bayou #11
February 2, 2012	Ridglea #999
February 7, 2012	Park Place #731
February 13, 2012	Crescent #820
February 20, 2012	Grapevine #326
February 21, 2012	Lewisville #935
February 23, 2012	Texas City #626
March 8, 2012	Pearland 1065
March 12, 2012	Evadale #1111 and Vidor #914
February 13, 2012	Pasadena #711
February 19, 2012	Wisteria #823
March 29, 2012	Tomball #838
April 2, 2012	Bryan #222
April 3, 2012	Rockdale #23
April 9, 2012	Franklin #311
April 10, 2012	Alvin #15
April 12, 2012	Castleberry #1028
April 16, 2012	Haltom City 982
April 17, 2012	Orange #214
April 19, 2012	Conroe #710 and Mary Martha #981
April 23, 2012	Sweeny #873
April 24, 2012	Ore City #1033
April 26, 2012	League City #621
April 30, 2012	South Fort Worth #835
May 3, 2012	Farmers Branch #687
May 7, 2012	Grand Prairie #219
May 8, 2012	Polytechnic #420 and Riverside #834
May 11, 2012	Odessa #447 and Friendship #1008
May 14, 2012	Lake Worth #1109
May 15, 2012	Granbury #530
May 21, 2012	Spring #1105
May 22, 2012	Silsbee #298
May 24, 2012	A.E. Shirley #986 and Amarillo #787
May 29, 2012	Travis #472, Canyon Lake #1103 and New Braunfels #771
May 31, 2011	Port Neches #677

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

I was honored to attend the Centennial Celebrations of the following Chapters:

Marlin #286 – September 4
Spur #164– September 25
Franklin #311 – October 9
Boerne #200 – October 22
Yoakum #282 – October 23
Athens #177 – October 30
Buffalo #157 – November 6
Atlanta #151 – November 13

At each Centennial Celebration, a Centennial Certificate designed by the Worthy Grand Patron was presented to the Chapter in recognition of this significant achievement. The Centennial Certificate is now available from the Grand Chapter Office.

LEGAL ACTS

In compliance with Article 35 of the Code of Laws, as Worthy Grand Matron, I signed the following legal instrument:

On November 18, 2011, I signed an Oil and Gas Lease with Kodiak Resources, Inc. on 214.20 acres, more or less out of the Benjamin Burke Survey A-8 and the Nathaniel Allen Survey A-2 in Tyler County, Texas. A check was received on December 29, 2011.

TMRC ACTIVITIES

What delightful afternoons were spent with the Residents of TMRC as the various Districts of Grand Chapter hosted the "Delightful Days". I was privileged to attend the Fall Celebration on November 20, 2011; the Holiday Happening on December 18, 2011; the Sweethearts Day on February 19, 2012; the Celebration of Spring on April 22, 2012 and look forward to the Summer Celebration Beach Party on June 24, 2012. All five events hosted by TMRC Delightful Days Committee.

The Residents and Staff of TMRC honored the Worthy Grand Matron with a beautiful Brunch on April 16, 2012. The decorations were beautiful and the symbolism of the floral selections made the day extra special. A beautiful floral arrangement of Yellow roses for Friendship, Bells of Ireland for Luck and the Daisies that I love so, were the focal point of the room. The buffet table was spread with a delightful and delicious array of sandwiches, fruit and sweets. The smiles of the Residents and Staff along with the presence of the Worthy Grand Patron and several Installed Grand Officers and Board Members completed the perfection of the day.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S CRUISE

From February 25 through March 3, 2012, more than 225 members from around the state enjoyed a week of fun in the sun aboard the Royal Caribbean "Mariner of the Seas". Ports of Call were Roatan, Honduras; Belize City, Belize and Cozumel, Mexico.

OUT OF STATE

I was honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Texas during the following functions:

Grand Chapter of Oklahoma in Guthrie, Oklahoma, on October 16-19, 2011
Grand Chapter of Arkansas in Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 7-10, 2011
Grand Chapter of Louisiana in Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 25-27, 2012
Worthy Grand Matron's Cruise to the Western Caribbean from February 25 - March 3, 2012

On these occasions, I confidently left the affairs of the Grand Chapter in the capable hands of our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry.

GRAND LODGE AND MASONIC ACTIVITIES

Masonic Family Day on October 8, 2011 proved to be a day of fun, fellowship and good food. I had the privilege, with the assistance of Grand Commander, Paul Wunsche, to present the \$50 prizes to those Chapters, Lodges and Organizations entered in a drawing by means of renting a booth space. Grand Master Carnes and his Committee planned well and executed to perfection.

On December 1, 2011, at the invitation of Grand Master Carnes, I was honored to bring greetings on behalf of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas at the 176th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. It was an added pleasure to attend the Grand Master's Banquet and a Luncheon honoring the wives of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

FRATERNAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

It was a delight to be in the presence of the Supreme Deputy, the Grand Worthy Advisor and Supreme Fidelity on several Rainbow occasions. The beautiful Drill by Texas Rainbow and the impressive Bible presentation by the Grand Worthy Advisor at Installation will remain one of my most treasured memories. Another highlight of the year was to participate, as Worthy Matron, in the initiation ceremony of Grand Worthy Advisor, Melanie Seymour into Melrose Chapter #920.

SPECIAL HONORS, PROCLAMATIONS and GIFTS

VI GRIFFIN DAY in the City of Temple and the City of Mesquite
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR DAY in Jacksboro, Weatherford,
Quitman and Sherman
HONORARY CITIZENSHIP in the Cities of Lubbock, Blanco, Austin,
Gainesville, and West Columbia and in Morris County
OFFICIAL STARLIGHTER in El Paso
KEYS TO THE CITY in Quitman, Atlanta, Sherman and Caddo Mills
HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF in Cook County and Brazoria County
(with badge!)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE by the City of Dallas
POETRY written by Sisters Sue Saunders, District Four, Section 2 and
Pam Johnson, District Three, Section 10.
BEAUTIFUL WHITE BIBLES were presented by Texas Rainbow, Buffalo
Chapter #157, Farmers Branch Chapter #687 and Port Neches
Rainbow Assembly #192.
UNITED STATES FLAG flown over the Capital on August 13, 2011
(Installation day)

Thank you to those who made these presentations possible.

Throughout the year I was presented with many other beautiful gifts. Many were lovingly handcrafted and others thoughtfully purchased. I sincerely appreciate each of these. You never cease to amaze me by your creativity and generosity.

BY-LAWS CHANGES

It was a pleasure to work with By-Laws Chairman, Sister Dawn Larson, to approve By-Laws Changes for the following Chapters:

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| A.E. Shirley #986 | Paris #5 |
| Alvin #15 | Riverside #834 |
| Border #211 | South Houston #915 |
| Brownfield #785 | Mabank #821 |
| Burkburnett #655 | Sweeney #873 |
| Dripping Springs #860 | Uvalde #297 |
| Dal-Cliff #574 | Violet # 158 |
| Granbury #530 | Franklin # 311 |
| Hadassah #188 | Friendship #1008 |
| Kerrville #200 | Gun Barrel City # 1114 |
| Longview #610 | Polytechnic #420 |
| Melrose #920 | Rockport #479 |
| Nacogdoches #428 | San Antonio Radiant #3 |
| Nederland #1079 | Smithville #39 |
| New Braunfels #771 | |

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

The following Special Dispensations were issued, with fees:

TO MOVE MEETING PLACE

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| Kurten UD | Saint Jo #17 |
| New Braunfels #771 | Amistad #1115 |

TO WAIVE VISITATION

- Crescent #820

TO REPLACE TRAVELING CHARTER

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| Houston Ransford #135 | Gun Barrel City #1114 | Plano #703 |
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TO WAIVE DISABILITY

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| Whitewright #937 | Oak Forest #1080 |
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FRATERNAL VISIT

Cleveland #465	Huffman #1112	Winnie #160
New Caney #1093	Humble #415	LaPorte #683
Bryan #222	Wisteria #823	Port Neches #677
Odessa #447	New Braunfels 771	Friendship #1008
Ore City #1033		

TO REPLACE SECRET WORK

Caddo Mills #82	Big Spring #67	Loyal #648
Borger #811	Brenham #144	San Saba #191
Jacksonville #377	Oak Forest #1080	League City #621
Woodville #462	Buffalo #157	Spring #1105
Vashti #321	Border #211	Ferris #508
Blum #931	Alvarado #656	Houston Ransford #135
Beaumont #71	Whitney #930	Cleveland #465
Covington #1007	Forney-Terrell #577	Frankston #1113
Denton #259	Andral Vann #741	Franklin #311
Groesbeck #810	Hamilton #215	Lindale #1147
	Rosenberg #429	

LATE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Bullard #972	Walter Baldwin #929	Normangee #929
Mart #109	Denton #259	Granbury #530
Garrison #192	Paris #5	Newbern #1135
Rusk-Alto #79	Alice #61	

LATE ELECTIONS

WORTHY PATRON

Seabrook #1096	Grapeland/Augusta #120
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ASSOCIATE MATRON

Walter Baldwin #929	South Houston #915	Pleasanton #133
	Uvalde #297	

ASSOCIATE PATRON

Henderson #597
Mt. Belvieu #1142
Templar #374
Sarah #353

Corrigan #631
Katy #1121
Coleman #360

Walter Baldwin #929
Liberty/Dayton #634
Kingsville #325

SECRETARY

Madisonville #193
Pleasanton #133

Rosenberg #429
Frank W. Lynn #1015

Travis #472
Petrolia #84

TREASURER

Hondo #404

Bay City #380
Petrolia #84

Livingston #1139

CONDUCTRESS

Katy Chapter #1121
New Caney #1093
Walter Baldwin #929
Groesbeck #810

Timpson Chapter #1144
Zavalla #952
Waller #1047
Sarah #353

Ruth Chapter #20
Richardson #921
Handley #617

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Denton Chapter #259
Stephenville #801
Walter Baldwin #929
Sarah #353
Petrolia #84

Beckville Chapter #273
Richardson #921
Waller #1047
Rosenberg #429
Kerrville #24

New Boston #700
Henderson #597
Haltom City #982
San Antonio-Radiant #3

MUSIC

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Sister Boots Draper for composing the “Vivacious Lady March”. We have all enjoyed that “little rocking horse rhythm” this year. Also to Sister Linda Love for arranging the “Vivacious Ladies Fun Time Tune” that has kept our toes tapping. Each of you has demonstrated your love of this Order by sharing your musical talents with the membership.

BIBLE COVER AND ALTAR CLOTH

The beautiful Bible cover, centered with a replication of the OES emblem from the cover of our Ritual, is the loving creation of Sister Rita Lytle. It was made to co-ordinate with the satin edged altar cloth, also her creation. I wish to express my deep appreciation for her friendship and for sharing her special talents to enhance the beauty of our Grand Chapter room.

GRAND CHAPTER VEHICLE

I am grateful to Grand Chapter for the use of the 2009 Chevrolet van which I took possession of following Installation. At that time the odometer showed 69,703 miles and on June 1, 2012 it shows 94,747. The van was spacious and comfortable for the School Officers' travels. We realize how fortunate we are to have such a loving and generous membership to provide for our convenience.

CORPORATE BOARD MEETINGS

In accordance with Section VII, A. of the Constitution and Chapter 4, Article 80 of the Code of Laws, the Corporate Board met on five separate occasions. The minutes of these meetings will be found following the Worthy Grand Matron's Report in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter Session.

DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

A Deputy Grand Matron was assigned to attend the meetings of a Chapter to monitor the Ritual work of the Chapter and to give instruction during the Good of the Order at each meeting. At the end of the given time period, I attended the Chapter's meeting and witnessed a marked improvement in the Ritual work of the Chapter. The Deputy Grand Matron was not required to visit further.

An e-mail was distributed with regard to forming a support group for a candidate. Verbiage within the document was considered to be electioneering. Since the candidate had no prior knowledge of the document, a letter of reprimand was sent to the originator of the e-mail.

A letter of intent for nomination for office was mailed. There being no other announced candidate and with concurrence of the Corporate Board, a letter of reprimand was sent to the candidate who voluntarily withdrew her/his name for nomination.

On two occasions, members either pleaded guilty or were found guilty of felony offenses. On each occasion, the Chapter was referred to our Legal Code, Article 523 (a)1 and (b)2 and the members were expelled.

A Worthy Matron reported concern about members playing games on their cell phones during meetings. I suggested that the Worthy Patron make an announcement to put all cell phones on silent or manner mode and put them away before he began the Ritualistic Opening. If the Worthy Patron failed to make the announcement, the Worthy Matron could make the announcement immediately after the Ritualistic Opening.

A Chapter had failed to meet for six months because of lack of a quorum. I called a special meeting of the Chapter and counseled with the members present. The Chapter did not wish to demise and wanted to consider changing the meeting day and time to daylight hours in an attempt to save the Chapter or to consider consolidation. For subsequent meetings, the Chapter still failed to have a quorum. The Chapter surrendered their Charter on May 16, 2012.

I met with the first four officers of two separate chapters in an effort to quell discord over misunderstandings of procedure to carry out their duties and to restore peace and harmony to the chapters.

There were other inquiries which were answered by quoting the Ritual or Article and Section of our Code of Laws. Many of our challenges stem from personality differences. These will be eliminated when we learn that we can't all be right all the time and strive to live according to the high ideals and principles of our Order.

VIVACIOUS LADIES AND DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN

A special note of gratitude to the Vivacious Ladies and Distinguished Gentlemen whose leadership has been so vital to the subordinate Chapters. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to serve with you this year. I especially appreciate your attendance at scheduled events, your participation in the Visitation Programs and your efforts toward the Dynamic Chapter Award. I shall look forward to a long and happy association as we continue to serve the Order.

ANAHUAC CHAPTER 649

Thank you for affording me membership in this beautiful Order and opening doors to experiences and friendships I could never have imagined. You have taught me, nurtured, loved and supported me enthusiastically throughout the years. This journey would never have been possible without you.

MY LOVING HUSBAND

Tommy, you must love me. You have been so patient and understanding through the years of preparation for this year and throughout this year of service. There are no words to adequately express my gratitude to you or my love for you. Just know that I love you more. The next time you hear “Honey, I’m home” it will be for good.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

I have searched for the appropriate words to express my gratitude to you and to Sister Marlene for your contributions to the wonderment of this year of service. Somewhere between my heart and this keyboard the words escape me. Sometimes the simplest terms are the best. So, “thank you” from a grateful Worthy Grand Matron’s heart. Your attendance at each School of Instruction and at the many other events of the year have been the icing on the cake. I am most appreciative of your participation in every phase of our programs and for your commitment to the Grand Chapter of Texas and to the Order.

CLOSING REMARKS

To compile this report has afforded me a poignant backward glance to the activities of this year. This year with all its challenges and rewards has been one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. It has been, in the end, proof positive that “absolutely anything is possible!” How deeply grateful and proud I am to be a member of an organization where kindness and generosity are the rule – not the exception.

I wish you sunshine on your path
 and storms to season your journey.
 I wish you peace –
 in the world in which you live
 and in the smallest corner of the heart
 where truth is kept....
 More I cannot wish you –
 except perhaps love –
 to make all the rest worthwhile.
 Robert A. Ward

As we continue to follow His star, may you always have

Faith to guide you, your *Family* beside you and *Friends* to bless your life.

In Faith and Fraternal Love,
 Mrs. Vi Griffin
 Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I call for the report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Like the Worthy Grand Matron, I too had my preliminary report printed in the Advanced Reports and will not read it also in the interest of time. I do, however, offer the following Supplemental Report. It only includes the activities that occurred after May 28th which is when the Advanced Proceedings were sent to the Grand Secretary's office.

I served as Assistant Installing Officer at Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 and Richardson #921. Both Templar Chapter #374 and Gun Barrel City Chapter #1114 invited me to serve as Installing Officer.

After attending DeMolay Supreme Council Session in Louisville, Kentucky where I completed my term as President of the DeMolay Foundation, I attended Rainbow Grand Assembly in Waco. This Grand Assembly Session was made extra special because of the large number of Eastern Star Floor Officers that attended. You know, the girls are excited to see so many Eastern Star ladies in their fancy formals. And the formals themselves seem to inspire the girls and it made this Worthy Grand Patron very, very proud.

The Worthy Grand Matron and I attended the last TMRC Summer Celebration and while at TMRC that weekend we had the opportunity to visit with Sister Jane Gregory. We were saddened by her passing a few hours later.

Lodge Installations filled the rest of July. We attended Royce City Chapter on July 14th and were able to present an Endowed Membership Certificate and installed some officers.

Marlene and I then travelled to Grand Rapids, Michigan last week to attend Rainbow Supreme Assembly where Marlene was selected to serve as Supreme Nature of the next two years. It is only fitting that we then rushed to Beaumont to attend this Grand Chapter Session. All of 2011-2012 has been a flurry of activity with non-stop activities.

I want to thank you for accepting the new plans and the changes to old plans and for your supportive spirit and the dynamic efforts to improve your Chapters and our fraternal Order. This will be a year that we will always cherish. The boundless love and affection shown by our members has been phenomenal. I thank each one of you for your contribution and hope to repay this love with future service to our Order.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON
MR. DAVID B. DIBRELL
2011-2012**

To the Membership of Texas

Thank you seems like such a small phrase to express the deep appreciation that I have for your allowing me to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas these past two years. From the time that Sister Vi and Brother Tommy asked Marlene and I to take this journey, we have been exhilarated and excited and have done the very best that we could to plan and to execute the plan of service for 2011-2012. Thank you for accepting new plans and changes to old plans and for your supportive spirit and dynamic efforts to improve your Chapters and our fraternal Order. This will be a year that we will always cherish.

Grand Chapter Installation

The one hundred and thirtieth, "Faith, Family and Friends" Installation of Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas was held on August 13, 2011, in the George Brown Convention Center in Houston. It was an evening that we shall never forget. Special thanks to Yvonne Brownfield, Henry Martin and all who participated for an event that will be long recorded in our memories.

Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574

My home Chapter and source of support and knowledge had the burden of supporting Worthy Grand Patrons for two years in a row. This was not the first time Dal-Cliff had assumed a place of heightened supportive roles but it was freely given and an exciting time. My development under the tutelage of Millie Sharpe, Ed Sharpe, O.D. Christian, MayDelle Grubbs and Thelma McReynolds helped me achieve greater heights than I ever expected. The current members were willing helpers and were always supportive. Thank you for all that you have done.

Richardson Chapter No. 921

My Dual Chapter and my Original Chapter have stepped forward to help in every aspect of our activities in 2011-2012. We returned to Richardson Chapter to find friends, old and new, that were willing workers and supportive of all of our activities. Ellen Pickrell served as my Secretary this year and also directed the special reception held before the Grand Chapter Session began. Thank you Ellen, Worthy Matron Alys Newsom and all that helped Ellen and Alys to make this a beautiful event.

District One, Sections Four and Five

From the time that I served as President of the Peacemakers and Marlene served as President of the Well- Wishers, all of District One, Section Four, has supported all of our activities. When Texas hosted the Multi-State meeting while Marlene served as District Deputy of District One, we found many friends in Section 5 that supported the activities with Section 4. As Sections 4 and 5 have worked together in recent years to host the Schools of Instructions, we have learned how vital cooperation can be and how loving both sections truly are. Thank you to District One, Sections Four and Five for your support these many years.

Worthy Grand Matron

How can we ever forget that fateful evening in Waco, after the Grand Master's Banquet when you and Tommy invited Marlene and I to make this journey with you. There were no beating around the bush by your asking Marlene to serve as Grand Esther, you asked me directly to walk with you. Fortunately, Marlene also agreed and we have continued a friendship that started in 1979 when you served as Worthy Matron of Anahauc Chapter and Marlene served as Worthy Matron of Dal-Cliff Chapter. Tommy and I took different paths but both served as Grand Masters. I served in the "good year" of 2001 and he served in the "great year" of 2008. You are both good friends and it has been an honor to serve with you.

General Grand Chapter Officers & Committee Members

Texas has had a plethora of General Grand Chapter Officers this year, headed by our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie Often. A special thanks to all General Grand Chapter Committee members who found time to support the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron throughout this year although they still had special duties to prepare the General Grand Chapter Session in Fort Worth later this year. It was special to be able to serve as a member of Sister Renee's Tri-Line Family and to be one of her "sons". Thank you Rennie. You are an inspiration to all of us.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

We count most of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons as special friends for many years. These past two years have been extra special and we truly appreciate all of the help and guidance provided by each of you. Of course, Henry Martin and I served as Peacemakers under Harry Cunningham so our bond goes back many years. When

Marlene served as Deputy, District Deputy and Grand Examiner, we became close with several Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. Thanks to each of you for your support, advice and guidance.

Installed Grand Officers

Thank you to all of the very supportive Installed Grand Officers. Each of you brought a special talent and a special memory. Collectively, your travels have been impressive. Many of you still work outside the home and must juggle your schedules. Thanks for attending so many special events and making the audiences flow with green. A special thank you to Grand Adah, Jo D, the best poet in the group. You bring and spread light wherever you go and have represented us well. Grand Esther, Marlene, has always been the Queen of our family and a delight to travel with. Thank you for always following in my shadow this year. I love you.

Secretaries and Pages

Dr. Ellen Pickrell has done a phenomenal job as Secretary! After chairing the reception at Grand Chapter she often traveled the School schedule and prepared correspondence as needed. Having underestimated the amount of correspondence, I probably “tricked” her when recruiting her as Secretary. But it was done in ignorance and not with malice. Thank you. Pages this year and last year were a great support. Darrell Albrecht was a page last year until he received a better offer from Cheryl. He did help train Paul and then support Paul and Larry as they helped us travel the School schedule. Thank you Paul and Larry for a job well done.

Rainbow and DeMolay

It is because of the Order of Rainbow for Girls that I joined Masonry. Having grown up as a DeMolay and then marrying our DeMolay Sweetheart, it was only natural that Rainbow has a special place in our hearts. Serving with Grand Worthy Advisors Laura Pearson and Melanie Seymour made the past two years very special. Participating in Melanie’s initiation into Eastern Star was a high point. Melanie’s Bible presentation at our Installation was a fitting start for an awesome year.

Music

A big Thank You to Marlene and Jill for the “March of the Distinguished Gentlemen”. Marlene remembered tunes that were played when we served as Worthy Matron and Patron of Dal-Cliff by our friend Margaret Johnson. Marlene wrote the march and then daughter Jill arranged it to make it lively and fun. It is exactly what I had hoped for and I will always remember your efforts.

Schools of Instructions and Fraternal Visits

The schedule of Thirty-six (36) Schools and Instructions and Fraternal Visits across the State started Labor Day and concluded in February. I was fortunate to be able to attend all of these schools and fraternal visits. Each school was unique and it gave us an opportunity to meet many new friends and work with all of our Deputy Grand Matrons. We had

some surprises along the way but always felt the love and affection of the membership. Thank you to each District Deputy and Deputy for your hard work in preparing for and then conducting After the Schools of Instruction, we were able to attend twenty (20) Fraternal Visits ending with the Joint Fraternal visit to Travis, Canyon Lake and New Braunfels. We missed the very last Fraternal Visit because of attendance at a Red Cross of Constantine Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC.

Special Honors

The Office of Worthy Grand Patron was honored by many special presentation during the year. Each will be remembered as a special event in our year of service.

David B. Dibrell Day in the City of Temple
 Order of Eastern Star Day in Jacksboro and Weatherford
 Honorary Citizen of Lubbock
 Official Starlighter on Official Visit to El Paso
 Honorary Citizen of Blanco, Austin and Morris County
 Office of Alcalde – La Ciudad Villita de La Villita
 Keys to the City of Quitman
 Order of Eastern Star Day in Quitman
 US Flag flown over Capital
 Key to the City of Sherman
 Order of Eastern Star Day in Sherman
 Honorary Citizen of Gainesville
 Honorary Deputy Sheriff in Cooke County
 David B. Dibrell Day in Mesquite
 Special Recognition by City of Dallas

Honorary Memberships & Special Gifts

Honorary Memberships presented at the Schools of Instructions and then the quilt squares will all be held as special memories. The gifts received and hospitality shown all over the State was moving and will always be remembered. We look forward to a quilt and pillows that are being prepared as a physical reminder of this year of service. Thank you Donna Noe for creating the finished product, a quilt and pillows to help us remember the service of the Deputies in each Section.

Other Grand Jurisdictions

We were fortunate to visit the Grand Chapter Sessions of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Each was unique although smaller than Texas. The hospitality shown and fellowship experienced was heart warming. New friendships were made and we look forward to visiting all again.

Centennial Chapters

The Worthy Grand Matron and I designed a Centennial Certificate to be presented to those Chapters achieving this milestone. We had the honor to present Centennial Certificates to:

Marlin #286
 Spur #164
 Franklin #311
 Midlothian #234
 Boerne #200
 Yoakum #282
 Athens #177
 Buffalo #157
 Atlanta #151

Other Chapters desiring a Centennial Certificate may obtain them from the Grand Chapter Office.

Chapters Constituted

Two new Chapters were Constituted:

Kurten #1146
 Lindale #1147

These Chapters have operated Under Dispensation the proper time and Grand Chapter had approved their Charters. The Constituting ceremonies were held and the Charters were presented.

Funerals

We were saddened by the losses but were able to attend the visitation or funerals of:

Garland Ward Rattan, PGP 1992-1993
 Leland G. Benefield, PGP 1993-1994
 Billy Combest, PGP 1995-1996
 Harold Aikin, Grand Secretary's Father

Our hearts were with the families of Molly Goodpasture West and many others we were not able to attend this year.

Other Events Attended

I was pleased to attend the TMRC Parties and the Texas Masonic Weekend. The Grand Master's Banquet was attended in January at Hella Shrine honoring Grand James F. Brumit. We attended most of the Board of Directors Meetings in Arlington. Special Rainbow activities included a Tea for Mrs. JoAnn Weaver and Majority Service for Laura Pearson. We presented Grand Master Jim Brumit with his 50 Year Membership at his Chapter meeting. The OES Cruise for Vivacious Ladies and Distinguished Gentlemen was a "fun" time for all. Over 250 OES members joined us on the cruise. The Griffin-Dibrell Round-Up in Boerne was a huge success.

We participated in the portrait hanging of Past Grand Matron Bess Caldwell and Past Grand Patron Arthur Drescher.

We attended Round-Ups for the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. The announcement of Trey Smith as Mr. Wonderful was exciting and we look forward to his service with Sister Jayne.

Swampfest was a success and many Eastern Stars stayed over to attend the Masonic Oak Celebration the following day. The High-Heel-A-Thon was interesting but the race in high heels was a bit scary.

Corporate Board

The Corporate Board met several times during the year in Anahuac, Mesquite, Port Arthur, Temple and Brazoria. The Corporate Board members have worked well together and have launched an investigation to determine the feasibility of relocating the Grand Chapter Office and reestablishing the Museum. Visits to several office building that are for sale have included all members of the Corporate Board. When members of the Board of Directors were invited to participate, it was disappointing that they expressed little interest.

A Resolution to reduce the Board of Directors from ten to five members will be introduced and sponsored by the Corporate Board. Another Resolution will be presented to allow the Corporate Board to act to purchase a building if a proper one can be found and sale negotiated.

Grand Lodge of Texas

As we have for many years, we attended the Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were introduced and escorted to the East. It was a special thrill to be introduced in this manner. We also attended and participated in the installation of Grand Master James F. Brumit.

Conclusion

This year of service has been the most exciting of my Eastern Star career. Although similar to serving as Grand Master, it has been a considerably different experience. The love and affection shown by our members has been phenomenal. I thank each of you for your contribution and hope to repay this love with future service to our Order.

Fraternally,

David B. Dibrell
Worthy Grand Patron 2011-2012

Worthy Grand Matron I move to adopt the report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Second. We have a motion to adopt the report of the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please raise your Green card. Any opposed? That motion carries. Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. I recognize Sister Karen.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: In regards to the comprehensive report that these members of the Board of Directors will be doing for us. Will they also be able to work with the Bankers in case they are needing information that may not be available in the Grand Secretary's office?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I would think that all the information that is needed by the Board of Directors is available through the Grand Chapter office.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: I'm sorry, please say that again.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I would think that all of the financial information that would be needed, it would be available through the Grand Chapter office. I don't think the Bankers could tell them anything that the Grand Chapter office doesn't have.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Well, I know that previously I had wanted some information on a particular thing regarding the sale and I was told that that information was not available because they had changed computer software. And I just want to make sure that if they need to go to the Bankers that they will be allowed to because the Bankers hold their information for seven years. We are in the seven year period and once they archive it will be a little more difficult to obtain that information. And I just wanted to see that these members will be able to complete the report that they are needing to do.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Karen, was the question, will the Board of Directors have access to the Bankers or is it the members of this...

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: The members of the Board that you appointed to the Committee to report on the sale of the building. In case the information is not available, or it's been displaced or lost that they can go to the Bankers and they will have their records.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I'm going to ask Sister Marlene Scholari if she will help us out here on the storage of our records in the Grand Chapter office.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: They are available for research and Sister Lorrie is an authorized signature on our bank accounts and she is on that Committee and can get any information they need.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Does that answer your question Sister Karen?

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Yes, it does.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Marlene. Okay, we've adopted your report. I have the credentials for Sister Anita Durden. They'll be at the Grand Secretary's office. You don't have to go all the way to Arlington. We're just going to put them over here on this desk. (Laughter) I call on Sister Marlene Scholari, our Grand Secretary for the report of the Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers

and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all.

Let me start off by saying what a wonderful group of secretaries we have in the subordinate chapters. I would like to commend all of the Chapter secretaries for all the hard work that you do.

In order for Grand Chapter to be able to have accurate records it takes all of us together to accomplish it. Thanks to all of you.

We lost two of our ladies at TMRC this year. Mona Price passed away on October 11, 2011 and Eunice Estridge on March 9, 2012. Eunice was a 75 year member.

I have continued my participation in the Care Plan meetings of our ladies at TMRC. This is an important time when residences are being reviewed for any needs or changes in their care. I also made many visits to the Emergency Room for several of our ladies and follow up visits until they returned back to TMRC.

It is with sadness that it was necessary to discontinue my monthly meetings with our ladies of TMRC. They have been suspended for the last several months, due to conflicts out of my control. I hope to be able to start meeting with the ladies again soon, as they have expressed to me how much they have missed meeting together. I would like to Thank, my Parent Chapter Edwin J. Kiest No. 959 for all the support of my meetings for ladies at TMRC.

All reports on the IRS form 990 for Subordinate Chapters were electronically filed by the Grand Chapter office as required and will be filed in the same manner this year. It will not be necessary for the Chapter to send any paper work to the office as it can be done without it.

The Fifth Annual Workshop was held at the Residence Inn, in Irving, Texas. We had 75 attend the workshop and 50 chapters where represented. I want to thank each of you who attended. We had great feedback on the location of the workshop. It was expressed that the setting of a classroom was great.

It has been my pleasure to attend the following for the year, Rainbow Assembly, Purposes and Policy Committee meeting, eight Board of Director meetings, four Corporate Board meetings, Swamp Fest in Brazoria, as many schools as possible, Roundups, Installations, and many chapter meetings.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Vi Griffin and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David Dibrell, it has been a joy serving with you this past year and I believe that we have had a very good year. I would like to say "Thank You" for all the hard work that you have done with me this year, it has been rewarding. May God's blessings always be with both of you.

To Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer, this was our 2nd year to work together! You as Grand Treasurer again have met the challenges that have come your way. I look forward to another good year.

A special "Thank you" to Lynn Kearney and Joan Watkins for their volunteer help and dedication to membership of Texas.

Heartfelt Thanks, to those of you who have served as pages for me this year. Addie Taylor and Donna Kirkpatrick, please know how much I appreciate the two of you.

To my husband Joe: Thank you for all your love and support. I love you dearly.

To the membership: Thank you for all the encouraging words and most of all for your prayers. I would also like to say Thank you again for all the cards and expression of love for the loss of my Father. You will never know how much it meant to me and my family.

If you will turn to page 26 in your Advance Report, I will go over the information.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 31,2011 Chapters 386

Chapters Consolidated from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012 - 12

Bellville #611 with Brookshire #652
 Love Field #875 with Dallas #1
 John Gillespie #257 with Center #348
 Ysleta #991 with Woodbine #738
 Cora Posey #1072 with Abilene #30
 Bardwell #560 with Winnie #160
 Fidelis #963 with Austin #304
 Strawn #361 with DeLeon #693
 Somerset #730 with Bexar #616
 Clarendon #6 with A.E. Shirley #986
 Sonora/Eldorado #575 with Fort McKavett #783
 Waxahachie #599 with Lancaster #943

Chapters Demised from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012 - 3

Justin #1128.....7/18/2011
 Riverside #834.....4/17/2012
 Monahans #561.....5/3/2012

Chapters Constituted - August 15, 2011 at Grand Chapter + 2

Kurten #1146
 Lindale #1147

Membership Total:

Ending May 31, 2012
 Total Chapters 373

Chapters Consolidated – June 1, 2012 to Grand Chapter - 9

Waco #7 with McLennan #639
 Fort Stockton #230 with Midland #253
 San Marcos #276 with Seguin #555
 Clifton #283 with Copperas Cove #1070
 Corpus Christi #354 with Aransas Pass #162
 Gladewater #831 with Gilmer #355

Almeda #1081 with Bellaire #1021
 The Colony #1136 with Lewisville #935
 Mansfield #876 with Everman #624

Charter pulled by Worthy Grand Matron	1
Total Chapters as of Grand Chapter	363

Total Membership Ending 5/31/2011	32,110
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Membership Increases:

Initiated	606	
Affiliated: Transfer	67	
Duals	271	
Demit	61	
Reinstated	226	
Total Increase		+ 1,231
Total Number Increase in Membership		33,341

Membership Decreases:

Died	1,241	
Transferred Out	67	
Demit/Grand Demit	425	
Suspension	1,046	
Expulsion	6	
Dual Withdrawn	89	
Dual Memberships Loss in Consolidation	57	
Total Decrease		-2,931
Total Membership		30,410

Charter pulled by Worthy Grand Matron	30
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Total Membership	30,380
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Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the report of the Grand Secretary as printed in the Advance Report and presented to this Grand Chapter be referred for proper Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: A motion and second to refer the report of the Grand Secretary as reported in the Advanced Proceedings to be referred to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion?

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Yes ma'am. I recognize Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Rosemary Swetland Berry affiliated Past Matron of Lufkin Chapter 382. This was a very good report and I thank our Grand Secretary for her efforts but I have two concerns I'd like to voice for the mem-

bership. One is on page 24, it troubles me that we have had our Grand Secretary not visiting with our ladies. I'd like an explanation of why that was discontinued and number two, I would like to ask the Grand Secretary and her staff how we actually ascertain how many members we really have. This 30,380 on page 27 included all of our dual members also. Dual means one person and I'm just concerned at how we might go about with her staff this year ascertaining how many, I hate to use warm bodies but that's what everybody says, how many actual members the Grand Chapter has. Thank you for those two questions being answered.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Rosemary, I can address the first question as to the Grand Secretary not visiting with the ladies. And I think it is a miscommunication or a misinterpretation of my statement and the visits with the ladies had become all afternoon parties with flowers and gifts and cakes and I don't think that we should do more for our ladies who are residents of the TMRC through the Order of the Eastern Star than we do for any other member that's in TMRC. So I think it was just a miscommunication, I think that what I said was to continue your meetings and go have a cup of coffee and let them air their concerns and have your visit but it was the parties that I ask the Grand Secretary to discontinue.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: In regards to that Worthy Grand Matron, when I said that it was out of my control, we had lots of work and my father was passing. There was a lot of things going on and it did not enable me to even meet with them because my father was dying at the time and we had budget and I just could not make the time to go up and visit with them. So it was not necessarily directed at what our Worthy Grand Matron has stated, it was just that there was so much going on that I did not have the time to work that in and Sister Rosemary I am hoping that we can, I just did not have enough time in my life at that time to make that happen. And regarding the dual membership, they are decreased, we did take them out. I know it is confusing and we tried to make it more explanatory but they are not added into that total. The dual memberships are not. They are subtracted and that is our actual number.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Okay Sister Grand Secretary, we can count on the fact that we have 30,380 active members at this time in the Grand Chapter of Texas?

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Yes Ma'am.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you. I'd just like to make one last comment. In 1996 we had 77,000 members so I think we can see that we've lost 47,000 members in 15 years. Thank you Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: You're welcome.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? The report of the Grand Secretary will be referred to the proper Committee. (One rap) I call on the Board of Directors for their report. Sister Karen Kidd, Interim Chairman. You all know I like the shortcuts, sorry Sister Lorrie. I

call on Sister Lorrie Owens, our Grand Treasurer for her report. I apologize.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: I too consider that this membership is bright enough to read most of what is in the reports. But I do have a few little things that I would like to call your attention to. Worth Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, you might call this a Supplemental Report, but I want you to pay attention to the second paragraph. It says this year has seen many changes per Grand Chapter Legislation that was done in 2011 regarding our investment policies and our restructuring of our investments by our Bankers. This did occur over the period of about three or four months to get everything the way it should be. So we did a lot of work. The Grand Secretary and I worked very hard with the Bankers and we met with them or were on the phone with them constantly getting this change taken care of for you. The other one is in the next paragraph where I have asked, when I visited, I asked for you to let me know if you need something, want something changed, or have question so that if you keep up these communications then we will be able to make the changes and improve maybe what we are doing that you think ought to be changed. I did leave out a couple of things that I think that I need to take care of. For one, I never mentioned my Grand "Totter and Fetcher". He's branched out helping others do the same thing and that's my husband Jerry Owens. He has done so much this year behind the scenes that, sometimes our husbands do not get the appreciation that they should have. So if you see him tell him thanks. And if you need something totted, he'll do it. I, too, was privileged to attend Grand Assembly. The Opening and the Installation and it was wonderful to see these young ladies, many of which are coming of age and joining our Eastern Star. I am a former Rainbow Girl as well as a Mother Advisor and worked with the girls for years and I was proud that my daughter right now, Suzette Faith, is working with them as a member of the Board in Plano, Texas. So if you have an opportunity, visit an Assembly, give them assistance, help with their fundraising, they would certainly appreciate it. Now as in all things, people look for maybe something that is missing, something that is wrong when they read. Well, I think the printing Gremlins got a hold of this report. If you will turn to page 38 on your Advance Report you might find it a little strange on the bottom. It's blank. They have the titles but nothing there, so if you want to get out a pencil right quick I will give you some numbers. I do want you to remember when you look at my part of the reports that last year we had cut off on February 28th, this year we did it March 31st, 2012 in order to make the Budget time. Well, last year for Benevolent Aid the per capita was \$33,841. We did not have the per capita figures yet but the Grand Secretary has just given you that amount which is \$1.00 for each member that is on the roll as of May 31st, 2012. The interest was determined last year of \$33,841. Since our year has not ended yet, we do not have that figure. Also the Humanitarian was \$10,579, currently through the March 31st, its \$14,861. The prior year fund balance, which you might not have seen before, is what we have left over for the Benevolent Aid from the prior year that we still have to use. And that was \$53,773 last year. This year so far it's \$103,406. So that gives you a total income of \$98,193 for last year. For this year through March 31st it's \$118,267. Under expenses, we have Long Term Aid of \$24,600 for last year, \$12,250 for this year. The Temporary Aid, there was nothing listed for the prior year but \$7,050 for this year. And Emergency Aid was \$7,050 and \$5,000 for this year. Now, Long Term used to be called a different name than it is now, they have renamed that but it's still the same. So our total expenses for last year were \$32,100 and currently \$24,300. The Benevolent Aid Fund is doing well so if you need somebody who wants to apply for one of these, please do so. I hope that answers your questions and if you have any after you read the rest of my report, please come up and ask and I'll try to answer you if I

have the answer right now. So don't hesitate to do that. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer as printed in the Advance Report and the Supplemental Report as presented to this Grand Chapter be referred to the proper Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER MRS. LORRIE OWENS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my loving Sisters and Brothers:

My sincere thanks to the membership of Texas for electing me again to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas in this responsible position. I have done my best to fulfill your expectations and the duties of this office. This year has seen many changes per Grand Chapter legislation in 2011 regarding our investment policies and our restructuring of our investments by our bankers. The Grand Secretary and myself have met and talked with the bankers several times to institute these changes. Consequently, this year has been busier than the prior year with my assuming additional accounting/financial duties. My gratitude to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their support and encouragement. By their thoughtful and fair leadership they exemplify their concern for all members of our Order. A special thanks to Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary and her capable office staff of Charlotte Beall, Tava Smith, Donna Kirkpatrick and part-time employee, Debara Perry for their positive work attitude and maintaining a sense of humor under all types of working conditions. They helped make my job an easier one. A loving thanks to my two Grand Pages, Ethel Dammann and Mary Brunet who have been willing to travel with and assist me whenever it was necessary.

In addition to performing the Constitutional duties of the Grand Treasurer, I have continued to travel to the various Districts to get to know the members and their problems or suggestions dealing with my elected position. Please continue to communicate your comments and suggestions, as through these I can make changes and improvements. I have attended or participated in the following activities: All meetings (except the one during my School) including the budget meeting of the Board of Directors; all meetings of the Corporate Board; a Purposes and Policy Committee meeting; ESTARL and Education meetings; the Secretary/Treasurer workshop in Irving; Swamp Fest in Lake Jackson; 12 Schools of Instruction; 14 Fraternal Visits; 36 Chapter meetings; 9 Installations, Instituting of Kurten Chapter; 31 social functions (banquets, luncheons, breakfasts, roundups, fund raisers and Masonic activities); 12 Miscellaneous meetings; 1 Funeral; 4 Rainbow/DeMolay functions; banquet honoring the two retiring OES Board Members; all Grand Chapter sessions in Houston. Although not required or part of my official duties, I did go on the fun Caribbean cruise with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

For your information and consideration, I have prepared a summary of Grand Chapter's Financial status for September 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. The exception is the report for Endowed Memberships that is from the beginning November 1, 1987 through May 31, 2012. Detailed Accounting of all Funds are on file in the Grand Secretary's Office for use in

the annual audit of the books and records of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer, as printed in the Advance Report and presented to this Grand Chapter, be referred to the proper Committee.

Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer

GENERAL FUND Operating Checking Account

	Sep. 1, 2010 thru Feb. 28, 2011	Sep. 1, 2011 thru Mar. 31, 2012
REVENUE		
Interest General Fund Checking	-	7
Interest General Fund Holding	9,780	10,259
Endowment Interest - 501c(8)	107,558	137,999
Endowment Interest Sub-Account - 501c(8)	34,253	42,820
Interest - Money Market (Auto)	-	377
Brokerage 3	-	-
Interest - Endowed Memberships	-	-
Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	54,750	37,526
General Fund Per Capita	98,529	-
Refunds/Adjustments/Ret Checks	-	2,156
Registration Fees	-	-
Session Misc. Income	-	-
Grand Chapter Sales	13,705	8,404
25% Adm Fee (WGM Special Projects)	-	-
Bulletin Subscriptions	14,629	13,929
Bulletin Articles	9,819	18,506
Supplies/Postage/Shipping	2,048	2,185
GGC Supplies Sales	21,952	14,780
Admin Revenue - Endowed Memberships	-	-
Admin Fees 501c(3) Acct Mgr Admin Fees	-	-
Credit Card Conv Fee/Royalty	2,482	120
Misc. Fees/CK/CCREB/Spec. Dispensations	166	255
International Headquarters	-	-
Founder's Day 100%	1,119	502
Gifts and Donations	1,221	463
General Fund Humanitarian	2,894	-
Other Misc. Receipts	851	807
TOTAL REVENUE	375,756	291,095
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grand Secretary Housing	4,200	4,900
Mtg with TMRC Ladies/Donation from WGM	-	500
Gift/Donation (In Honor of PGM/PGP)	-	200
Sale of Property Exp. (Items for Move Prep)	-	3,516
Computer/Data Processing	1,795	-
Computer Contract Services	-	2,063
Auto Acquisition	-	12,000
Copy Machine	14,190	12,380
Office Salaries	42,376	54,051
Grand Secretary's Salary	9,500	10,961
Grand Treasurer's Salary	3,000	3,000
GC Support Staff Housing	-	-
Vehicle-Fuel/Maintenance	2,573	4,477
Vehicle-License	-	40
WGM usage of Personal Vehicle	-	2,194
Vehicle-Repairs	1,284	360
Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,500	4,000
Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,600	2,000
Associate Grand Matron Expense	2,000	2,500
Associate Grand Patron Expense	400	1,000
Grand Secretary Expense	2,000	2,000
Grand Treasurer Expense	600	600
Grand Conductress Expense	400	750
Associate Grand Conductress Expense	400	500
Grand Master Expense-Session	-	-

GGC Officers Expense	892	-
Official Reporter-GC	3,750	3,750
Advanced Reports	-	189
Interpretations	-	520
Ballots and Voting Cards	-	-
Installation Programs	-	211
Photos for Session	500	-
Registration Forms/Postage/Badges	-	259
Session and Memorial Programs	-	233
The Session	20,000	20,000
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	-	-
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	-	-
Insurance-Directors Liability	2,869	4,200
Auto Insurance	3,248	-
Furnishings,Personal Prop,Umbrella	46,482	50,894
Insurance-Workman's Compensation	582	-
Trust Fees - Holding	-	157
Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment 501c(8)	-	9,854
Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment Sub 501c(8)	-	4,798
Trust Fees - Mary C. Kennington Trust - Ed	-	-
Audit/CPA	21,860	24,696
Legal Services	750	1,307
Humanitarian Ribbons	-	1,087
Office and Printing Supplies	5,372	4,175
Office and Printing Supplies	-	2,594
Miscellaneous	-	1,349
Bank Fees	-	36
District Workshops	-	291
Credit Card Fees	245	313
NSF Return Checks (Bank Fee)	-	78
Contingency Fund	2,988	-
Security Services	150	175
Internet Service	975	1,189
Rent - Office	16,500	19,250
Postage/Petty Cash	-	-
Postage-Bulletin Mailings	4,016	5,841
Postage for Chapter Packet Mailing	-	885
Postage Permit	185	190
Postage Meter Lease	3,589	1,738
Postage	-	3,715
Refunds from GC to members	-	-
Bulletins	16,592	13,469
Annual Proceedings-Printing	3,153	-
Printing Other	3,153	3,126
Letterhead for WGM,WGP & Chaplain	-	-
Directories Printed to Sell	-	2,462
Chapter Directories Furnished to Chapters	-	2,028
Chapter Bulletins Furnished to Chapters	-	7,742
Janitorial Service	-	218
Equipment Maintenance	-	-
Equipment Maintenance for Office Use	-	-
Shipping Charges for Supplies from GGC	-	535
Computer Maintenance	1,198	563
Cost of Supplies/GC/GGC	33,371	26,978
Utilities - Electric	2,169	1,973
Utilities - Gas	262	272
Utilities - Telephone	877	994
Payroll Expense (Liability)	4,539	5,549
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	33,841	-
International Headquarters	5,655	1,920
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	329,581	355,795

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

May 31, 2012

Certificates Issued	Date	Number Issued	Principal Amount
1 - 4520	Nov. 1, 1987 thru Aug. 31, 2007	4,520	2,260,000
4521 - 5127	Sep. 1, 2007 thru Aug. 31, 2009	607	303,500
5128 - 5259	Sep. 1, 2009 thru Aug. 31, 2010	132	66,000
5260 - 5414	Sep. 1, 2010 thru Aug. 31, 2011	155	77,500
5415 - 5596	Sep. 1, 2011 thru May 31, 2012	182	91,000
TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS		5,596	2,798,000

Note: In April of 2012 the Chapters received \$15.45 for each eligible Endowed Member as of May 31, 2011.

In accordance with the Code of Laws, Art. 204,(4),(b), Page 149, interest in the amount of \$787.95 was credited to the General Fund for the following Endowed Members:

Faye E. Anderson	Bennett C. Howell III	Debra D. Morlock
W.J. Beaver	Sulema R. Jimenez	Heather Morlock
Vera A. Gardner Biggs	Mildred Jimison	Raymond B. Morlock
Rita Joyce Bragg	Luella V. Johnson	Hazel K. Nunn
Bertha D. Brown	Gaylan Judah	Betty Offield
Lois Carver	Tommy Kelso	Lillie Ruth Regian
Charles E. Day	Betty Jo Kindred	Katherine Koym Seymour
Memory of Dorothea Deering	Faye E. Lesley	Henry L. Smith
Rhonda Bailey Dittfurth	Juliana Lindsay	Marie Sutton
Ann Dodd	Margaret L. Lowell	Sherry Thompson
Linda Elliott	Kimberly Morlock Martin	Rhonda Earl Torres
Winnie Fenton	Lorie Ware McCullock	Elsie Underwood
Eloise H. Ficke	Melanie McCune	Sandra R. Vasquez
Sandra Jean Gilbert	Robert B. McMurray	Virginia Vigmstad
Joan Hegdal	Sydney C. McMurray	Lisa Wagner
Helen W. Henson	Wilburn Miller	Loretta Jo Walker
Lila D. Holt	Norma G. Morgan	Margaret C. Watson

BENEVOLENT AID

	Sept. 1, 2010 thru Feb. 28, 2011	Sept. 1, 2010 thru Mar. 31, 2012
INCOME		
Per Capita	33,841	-
Interest	-	-
Humanitarian	10,579	14,861
Prior Year Fund Balance	53,773	103,406
Hurricane Ike Funds Rolled to Benevolent Aid	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	98,193	118,267
EXPENSES		
Long Term Aid	24,600	12,250
Temporary Aid	-	7,050
Emergency Aid	7,500	5,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,100	24,300

OES RETIREMENT FUND - 501c(3)

	Sep. 1, 2010 thru Feb. 28, 2011	Sep. 1, 2011 thru Mar. 31, 2012
REVENUE		
Per Capita Income	172,545	-
Endowment Interest 501c(8)	-	-
Interest 501c(3)	11,740	13,130
Turn Back Funds	-	-
Interest Checking	-	2
Oil & Gas Royalty	9,364	59,095
Bequests & Gifts	3,589	15,000
Home Member Receipts	-	244
Ladies' Pensions	108,849	88,770
Gifts/Donations	-	220
Humanitarian	4,723	-
TOTAL REVENUE	310,810	176,461
DISBURSEMENTS		
Legal	2,440	-
Audit	1,960	4,250
Bank Fees	-	27
Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	2,265	669
Liability Insurance	-	-
Investment Fees	360	551
Ladies' Residence Housing	87,202	118,849
Infirmary Housing	312,417	343,577
In-service/501c(3) Accounts Mgmt.	12,000	-
Funeral Expenses	4,219	3,652
Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	6,510	6,440
TMRC Resident Parties	-	-
Miscellaneous	2,159	3
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	431,532	478,018
INCOME	(120,722)	(301,557)

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

	Maturity	Amount
BBV Compass Bank Fannie V. Ward - Education	Sep. 3, 2012	35,000
BBVA Compass Bank Helen M. Bramlett - ESTARL	Sep. 3, 2012	8,500
BBVA Compass Bank Education Fund	Sep. 3, 2012	65,000

MONEY MARKET

BBVA Compass Bank Auto Acquisition	36,377
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BROKERAGE ACCOUNT

J.P. Morgan/Chase Mary C. Kennington - Education/ESTARL	512,273
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES**J.P. MORGAN/CHASE**

	Feb. 28, 2011	Mar. 31, 2012
General Fund	414,433	123,415
Worthy Grand Matron's Prc	53,176	37,526
Benevolent Aid	87,864	60,000
Education	25,176	6,915
Endowment Stamps	101,645	99,645
ESTARL	13,347	9,280
Property Sale Acct. (15%)	374,421	367,842
TMRC	1,362	862

OTHER ACCOUNTS**J.P. MORGAN/CHASE**

	Feb. 28, 2011	Mar. 31, 2012
Eastern Star Home of Texa Fund 501c(3)	1,197,780	981,604
Eastern Star Home of Texa Fund Checking 501c(3)	6,705	17,532
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund 501c(8)	8,466,244	8,768,733
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub-Acct. 501c(8)	3,443,867	3,534,676
Endowed Membership Trus	2,722,941	2,846,276

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Lorrie. We have a motion and a second that the report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none all those in favor please raise your green card. Those opposed. That motion carries. Now I call on the Board of Directors, Sister Karen Kidd our Interim Chairman.

Sister Karen Kidd: This is the report of the Board of Directors 2012. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor and pleasure to introduce the members of the Board of Directors, District 1 Becky Austin and Tonya Foster, District 2 Keith Mikeworth, District 3 Darla Dunaway and Lorraine Williams, District 4 Gerry Sturtz and Elizabeth Wise, District 5 Ron Zipp and David Ouellette, and I'm Karen Kidd from District 2, the Interim Chairman.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
130TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
JULY 2012
BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor and pleasure to introduce the members of the Board of Directors: Elizabeth Wise, District 4; Tonya Foster, District 1; Becky Austin, District 1; Karen Kidd, District 2; Lorraine Williams, District 3; Darla Dunaway, District 3; Gerry Sturtz, District 4, Ron Zipp, District 5; and David Ouelette, District 5.

Words are inadequate to express the great pleasure for me to have worked with these 9 members of the Board of Directors and to express my appreciation for the diligent work they have contributed and the long hours they have willingly given of their time to the challenges that have come to us this Grand Chapter year. Sisters and Brothers, it takes all ten members of the Board of Directors to achieve positive and sound results of the detailed duties given us by the membership of Texas.

Our first meeting was held at the Grand Chapter Session in Houston and we welcomed Becky Austin and David Ouellette to the board. During this meeting, we elected a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary by majority vote. We held nine scheduled meetings and one workshop. Eight of the nine scheduled meetings were held at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington as was the workshop. It was an honor for us to move our May scheduled meeting to Lake Jackson to coincide with the Swamp Fest 2012.

It was my privilege, as a guest, to attend the Corporate Board meeting held in Port Arthur on January 27th, at the home District and Section of our Worthy Grand Matron. As your elected Board of Directors, we are placed in charge to supervise the financial matters of Grand Chapter. We must have timely and accurate figures to manage this very large task. Without receiving the monthly bank statements, other investment statements and accurate figures all of the time it has made it a difficult job for the board to fulfill the duties stated in our Constitution and Code of Laws.

During the Board of Directors year of service, we reviewed Benevolent Aid requests and TMRC applications, assisted in and approved the Educational Scholarships, approved the financing for the Associate Grand Matron's Special Projects, confirmed contracts for subsequent Grand Chapter sessions, and supervised all the financial affairs of the Grand

Chapter. We will have detailed reports of these matters presented by other members of the Board of Directors following this report.

This year we requested our bankers to come and present quarterly reports during our scheduled meetings, as we told the membership last Grand Chapter session that we would. To our bankers, J. P. Morgan Chase, I must commend them for their willingness to come to our scheduled meetings on a quarterly basis to present in-depth reports pertaining to our finances. Their willingness to fly to Lake Jackson at their expense, for the May board meeting in order to maintain their quarterly meetings with the board is commendable. Our auditors, Ratliff and Associates, made their scheduled meeting with us at the March 17th meeting.

Grand Chapter currently has twelve ladies residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center which we are responsible for at an average cost of \$55,000.00 per month. We thank TMRC for allowing our members to reside in their beautiful retirement center and we are grateful for the care they provide to all our members in residence.

To Debbie Tarpley, our recording secretary, thank you for your patience with us. I know we sometimes pushed it to the limit. But you hung in there and you have been a joy to work with.

To the Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Chapter Officers, and all of the members that have attended the board meetings this year, a big THANK YOU goes out to you for being there. It is nice to know that you have an interest in the affairs of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The membership is welcome to attend the board meetings on the third Saturday of each month, with exception of the two months we do not meet, December and June. You will find the scheduled dates in the OES calendar.

To the Board of Directors, I appreciate your confidence in electing me to serve as your Chairman, this 2nd year, for the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter term. Each of you has become a more special part of my life and I love each of you. Without the Supreme Being above and all of your help, this year would not have been possible.

A special thank you to my wife, for without her acceptance of my decision to seek a place on the Board of Directors, and her support, I would not be speaking with you today. She is telling me she will be glad when I am home to stay for a while.

As always, the goal of your Board of Directors is to be good stewards of the membership resources so that there will always be a Grand Chapter of Texas. It is a very big responsibility, but it is a very rewarding responsibility. The Board of Directors covets your prayers as we go about Grand Chapter's business.

Finally, thank you to the membership of this great Order for electing me to the Board of Directors. It has been a very rewarding and learning experience which nothing can take its place. This has been a fast four years and I feel that in the next year there is still a lot to be accomplished.

God bless each of you.

Fraternally,
Keith Mikeworth
Board of Directors, 2011-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We, The Board of Directors, had been researching the paper trail of our sale of the OES Home for several months. We had been working closely with our bankers to ascertain the original transactions, but on May 22, 2012, the Worthy Grand Matron informed us that she felt it was not a wise decision at this point for the Board of Directors to discuss anything further with any of our Bankers or Auditors. This caused the Board of Directors not to be able to complete their duties as dictated by our Constitution and Code of Laws, so therefore; the Board sent a letter to the Jurisprudence Committee asking for their interpretations of the Worthy Grand Matron's direction. This was done in good faith so that the Board would know how to proceed with our financial duties.

The Chairman of The Board of Directors received a call from Elsie Paladino, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee, on July 21, 2012, stating that the Jurisprudence Committee voted unanimously that the Worthy Grand Matron was within her rights.

Keith Mikeworth,
Board of Directors

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of printed report and the supplemental report. Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Lorraine Williams, Board of Directors, District 3, for Report No. 2.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron I first want to ask, the reports that are being presented, if we have a concern with the respective report, I believe there will be ten in all, are we permitted to ask question to the one presenting the report. I need your direction on that please ma'am.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Certainly. Certainly we'll have discussion of the reports and I think it needs to be discussed as the reports are presented because by the time we get to the tenth one we'll be confused about what the second one was. But I do have a motion and a second to adopt the printed report of the, what did you say?

Sister Karen Kidd: The Board of Directors, former Board of Directors.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: The printed report of the Board of Directors as presented in the Advanced Proceedings.

Sister Karen Kidd: And Supplemental Report.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Is there any discussion on the report that Sister Karen has just read?

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: I'm Rosemary Swetland Berry Affiliated Past Matron of Lufkin Chapter #382, and I have a couple of concerns that I would like to address, Sister Karen. Sister Karen, I recognize the anxiety that you are performing under as you were not prepared to give this report and you did a wonderful job on behalf of Brother Keith Mikeworth. On page 41, "we must have timely and accurate figures to manage this very large task. Without receiving the monthly bank statements, other investment statements and accurate figures all of the time it has made it a difficult job for the Board of Directors to perform their duties". Karen, we know the duties of the Board of Directors, it is printed in the Constitution and the Code of Laws. Can you please explain to us what that statement meant, that you do not have the information that you need to perform your duties? I think the membership would like to understand why you have not been able to perform your duties. Thank you Sister Karen for that answer and then on the Supplemental Report, Sister Karen, I'm concerned that the Board did reach out for some guidance on how to conduct their business and I'm not sure that was totally unanimous on the report. Thank you for your answers please ma'am.

Sister Karen Kidd: (To the WGM) May I ask Keith to come up since it was his report?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I'm not sure what the question was. (Karen explains to the WGM). He wrote it.

Sister Karen Kidd: Sister Rosemary I will ask Brother Keith to explain since it was his report.

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Sister Rosemary, we had requested to see the bank statements several times and we were not able to receive them. The Chairman of the Board did mention this to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Matron mentioned it to the Treasurer and we finally got April's statements and I did request May's statements and they were given to me so we could look at them. And we do have, even before, there were a lot of questions about some of the postings that were being made such as interest being in the wrong account. One of our contingent funds received some money and we were trying to get everything corrected so that we could get to the budget but I personally feel that the Board of Directors as financial supervisors should have the source of seeing the bank statements when they ask for them. Does that answer your question?

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Yes, partially. Brother Keith, I just want to make sure that the Bankers are getting the bank statements to us on time, so that it's not the Bankers that you are having to worry about getting those bank statements Brother Keith?

Brother Keith Mikeworth: The bank statements to my knowledge are mailed out at the first of each month. There should be no reason that we should not be able to receive them by our Board meeting.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Alright and you are saying that for several months you have not seen the bank statements? You have not seen the financial records that are dictated by our Order?

Brother Keith Mikeworth: When requested, we did not receive them until I personally asked the Worthy Grand Matron and she took care of the issue for us.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: So the Worthy Grand Matron has heard your plea and she has made sure that you are getting the proper bank statements on time each month to do your duties, Brother Keith?

Brother Keith Mikeworth: I've received April and May. I have requested June. I have not seen June nor July yet.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: And where do those come from Brother Keith?

Brother Keith Mikeworth: They come from the Grand Secretary's office. She prints them off and gives them to me.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: And so each Board Member should have a copy of the bank statements at your monthly meeting and you're not receiving those except for a couple...

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Sister Rosemary, the bank statements are a big stack and I did not request one for every Board Member, no. And I have them available for the Board Members to go over at any time.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you Brother Keith, then my question would probably be why you are not receiving them on time. Thank you for that. Do you have an answer for that, Brother Keith?

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Does who have an answer?

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, I didn't clearly state it – I just want to be sure that I understand that our Board is not receiving financial records on time to perform their duties and I just need to know what we can do to assist in that working together as a team from both Boards so that we can have the information to present to our membership, accurate information.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I'm going to call on Sister Lorrie Owens to answer that. Sister Rosemary and the membership, we want you to understand that when the Board of Directors is asking for the bank statements, it's not the bank statements that we get at the end of the month on our checking account, they are asking for the bank statements for each investment account. And we pay our investment Bankers, we pay them good money to keep up with that. They come to the Board of Directors meetings quarterly and give them a full accounting. I yield to Sister Lorrie.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: I'll be glad to answer that for you, Sister Rosemary. That is somewhat of a misstatement that they are not getting financial records. They are getting a Trial Balance every month, a Profit and Loss statement and a check register which shows

all the checks, deposits made as well as journal entries. Then they did request these latest statements. We added 16 accounts, which were investment accounts which the Bankers handle the investments. We do not personally do that. We have two checking accounts, one for the Eastern Star Home and one for the General Fund. Most of our checks are written out of the General Fund and a lot of our deposits are made by that. The Auditors about three years ago, before I was even here, actually has us separate the portion that was the Eastern Star Home with what you call the 501(c)3 from the rest of it and the rest is handled through Grand Chapter. So yes, they are getting the information, perhaps they don't understand. I've tried to explain and even volunteered to have a workshop to explain how it does it. And they did not want that, or at least the Chairman did not. Yes, we started giving them investment accounts after we had consolidated with the 16 new accounts that were finally accomplished, I think the last ones were December or January. It was a big task to do what the Grand Chapter voted on for us to do and for the Bankers to do. If we had done it all at once we could have suffered some huge losses. So they decided a gradual manner would be better. Does that help answer some of your questions? I have told them as far as if they want to see the exact original records, those do not go out of the Grand Chapter office, but are available. Yes, the Chairman is getting these now, all the financial statements which deal with our brokerage which I never touch. We pay the Bankers to invest our money. And does that answer your question Sister Rosemary?

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Sister Lorrie, it partially does but I now release my time to Brother Lee Stallings.

PGP Lee Stalling: I'm Lee Stallings, Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter #1131. Sister Lorrie I guess I need to go back in time a bit. Last year at Grand Chapter we had some Emergency Legislation with regard to the financial mandates of this Grand Chapter. And a part of that mandate was that whenever it was done it would be reviewed and signed off by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. In order to have information, they have to have the accounts and ...

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: They do have the accounts.

PGP Lee Stallings: Okay, let me finish. The Bankers only do what we tell them to do and if it's within the mandate. So it's not that they're making decisions for us about how to invest the money. They're making decisions for us about where to invest the money.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Correct

PGP Lee Stallings: And so, it's not a difficult thing to look at an investment statement and understand where your money is invested and they do come and explain it but to cut the Board out of that process when the Grand Chapter approved the Board reviewing that process seems to be inappropriate to me.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: They're not getting cut out of it because the Bankers are coming quarterly to explain anything else and they are getting the statements monthly.

PGP Lee Stallings: They are now but they weren't.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Yes for the past two months they have and Brother Keith said something about June, well the Board does not meet in June so usually we do two months at one time for the month they do not meet.

PGP Lee Stallings: So can you explain...

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: The bank statements we do not physically receive until sometimes the 9th of the month.

PGP Lee Stallings: No, I understand that but if I read the report right their meeting is the third week of the month.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Yes, but it was July, the first week this month and so they do get it by then now. When they finally decided exactly what they wanted because they have changed their minds at times and we didn't know exactly what they wanted.

PGP Lee Stallings: I guess the question is that you are talking about May on, but what happened...

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: No, I'm talking about prior. They did not receive the bank statements themselves prior to the past couple of months. Prior to that, they did receive the statements with the check register that showed the checks, deposits as well as journal entries.

PGP Lee Stallings: Okay, there is a big difference between seeing an accounting statement, trial balances that somebody prepares off of the statements versus seeing the statements themselves. It just seems inappropriate to me and I am not questioning anybody's integrity but I think the legislation we put forward last year that the members talked about was that we made sure that we had a mandate that was safe and secure for this Grand Chapter and that it was reviewed and signed off by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The only way they can do that is having access to the records and I'm not hearing that that's happening.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: They approved the mandate and the way the Board was, uh the way the Bankers were doing it, the Board did approve that or at least Keith did. I'm not sure that the entire Board approved of everything.

PGP Lee Stallings: So Sister Lorrie who on a monthly basis ensures that they were within that mandate?

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Pardon?

PGP Lee Stallings: So Sister Lorrie who on a monthly basis ensures that they were within that mandate?

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: That they keep within that mandate?

PGP Lee Stallings: Uh huh.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Nobody actually does it but that is why they had to sell off, or move some of the investments because we were invested in some items that weren't originally in that mandate but they did it over a period of a few months. They said because if we have done it all at once we would have lost more money.

PGP Lee Stallings: Were those investments that we held prior to this year or were they investments we bought this year?

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: No, these were prior. We already had...we had some long term investments that the Bankers had invested in. And in some areas it had to do with the type of Bonds and what they were classified as.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Brother Lee that's three minutes. I recognize Sister Sharon Fentress.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Yes, as you well know, I am the Chairman of the Financial Investment Committee. (Clapping). Thank you, my grandson. And we have a similar problem in that I have requested and this will be my third year when the new group of officers come in on this Committee, and final year. And I have requested since I was placed on this Committee copies of the Financial Statements from the Financial Institutions that come monthly to investors. And I have asked for those and I have never been able to receive them. Now I do get the quarterly reports and I appreciate that but anybody who has an investment account or accounts, check those monthly statements monthly. And if your Financial Advisory Committee is going to do their duty appropriately, it is necessary, I feel, that they be able to read and look and just know what our finances and our financial accounts are doing. And I have never gotten an answer other than account numbers and things of that nature and we have not had a disagreement about it, I've only not been able to receive them so I feel like if the membership put you on these Committees of responsibility we should be able to receive the appropriate information so that we can do our job, which all of us want to do for the Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause) Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Sharon. I would add to this in answer to one of Brother Lee's questions that to my knowledge until right before May 19th in the Board meeting in Lake Jackson that our Chairman and the investment Bankers had communication maybe on a daily basis and the Investment Banker was the one who called the Chairman and said "Look, you're not a signer on this account and we can't be talking to you and giving you information. The information has to come through one of the signers on the accounts." And that is the source of all of this discussion.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: (sound person taping down cord) I don't know if they are taping me or cords down here. (Laughter) Worthy Grand Matron I thank you so much for listening to our concerns on behalf of the membership. We are not here to cause conflict but we have some deep concerns and one of those concerns is that our Law states that our Board of Directors, ten members, will supervise the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter of

Texas and from what I'm hearing from the members of the Board, not all members of the Board, some of the members, some Corporate, some of the Financial people that are assisting us, I'm hearing that were not able to get those records. I have one last question for you Worthy Grand Matron. Why in our Law is the Board of Directors not allowed to speak with the Bankers? I understand that all it would take and please correct me if I am wrong here, all it would take would be for one of you all that are on the signatures – Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and is the Grand Treasurer on the records also? But I'm saying if one of you four gave permission to the Bankers that our Board of Directors could speak with them and handle our affairs, I believe we could get our financial affairs back in order. That is my concern, Worthy Grand Matron. Why is our Board of Directors not privileged to speak directly with the Bankers to perform their duties? Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: The only answer that I can give to you Rosemary and I'm not a numbers person or a financial person. I can keep a simple set of books for Griffin Paraffin Service and keep them solvent. But to my knowledge it was the Bankers and it is Federal Banking Law that prevents this discussion because they are not signers on the account. Does our Code of Laws state who the signers are on the account? And I think that is my comment to Brother Keith that the Board could not arbitrarily, as a Board decision, make this change without legislation. I recognize Brother Toby.

Brother Toby Lytle: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Toby Lytle, a Past Patron of Spring Chapter 1105, Sisters and Brothers, it's time to fire the Bankers. (Laughter) If my bank does not send me my information, there is no way I'm gonna do business with them. How do I know they haven't taken the money and went South? It's time for us to appoint a Committee, fire the Bankers and set up a new Code that we need based on our Laws. That information needs to be in there. There's a whole lot of stuff in there that we don't need but there again, I'll just stand on that corner and say let's get a new set of Bankers and go from there. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Brother Toby, in response to your question, the Bankers do send the statements on a monthly basis. They are mailed to the Grand Chapter office.

Brother Toby Lytle: Are we receiving those statements on a monthly basis?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We receive those on a monthly basis. We may not receive them on the first of the month, but you know your bank statement doesn't always come on the first of the month and the bank statement is going to be when the bank wants to send it.

Brother Toby Lytle: Yes, ma'am. Do the Bankers send that on a normal cycle that we get our statements? Is what I think I understood is it's a cycle thing and it comes in the fourth or fifth of the month type thing depending on the mail I understand that. But if they are getting that in the office and it's not coming out of the office, we have a problem right there. We've got a stoppage somewhere. Something wrong. Now, if you gotta fire the Secretary, do whatever it takes.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Toby.

PGP Lee Stallings: Worthy Grand Matron, if I may, Lee Stallings, Past Patron, Friendswood 1131. You made a statement a while ago that the Bankers are following Federal Law and they are. I'm a retired almost 40 year Banker. I did retire from the same Bank that handles our investments and I know the people very well that handle our investments. Federal Law does say that you can't have access to accounts unless you are on the accounts with the exception of being given authority to review the accounts by somebody that is on it. It would take a simple letter from anybody on the account to be able to review the account and it would be done. (Applause) Thank you.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

PGP Richard Ochs: I'm Richard Ochs, Past Patron Amarillo Chapter 787. Sisters and Brothers, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all, I have not been very active for a few years for personal reasons and had a bad wreck the first time this Home business came up. To be very frank and open there are some things that occurred over the years including lies about me personally and also the thing is there has been some misinformation in the little bit of things going on but the thing is, we need to get this straightened out and really know what happened and it's going to be very difficult to reconstruct after so long because of things that can happen. And thank you very much and membership, please support trying to get this done so we can know just where we stand. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Richard. I think our question about the sale of the Home and that account is on a different bus. And I think that I addressed that in my Supplemental Report.

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you, I'm not going to ...

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Could you hear me?

PGP Richard Ochs: Good enough to know that you're aware of what I'm talking about and the membership I think is too because we've been having discussion there for a while and I delivered some legal papers to Jurisprudence back when some of it went on when we had to re-vote because we did not abide according to the different things. I don't want to get into some details and some things that I'm aware of because I was part of the Trustees. We should never have had Directors as Trustees as some of the old legal documents even refer to. The thing is, I'm excited about going back to five and the Worthy Grand Matron, anybody that runs for one of these offices, she is the Chief Executive Officer of this whole Organization and she should be allowed to take care of things with her Corporate Board and any of us doing anything in Grand Chapter for the Organization should realize that she is the Boss. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Richard. I recognize Sister Lorrie.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Brother Lee, are you still there? In answer to your question, yes Federal Law says that you cannot gain access, I worked for the Internal Revenue Service for twenty something years and I did a lot of auditing. Yes, it does not allow you to

deal with the Bankers without permission if you are not a signer on the account. That was not the problem because they are being given the information now and could get the information earlier from our Grand Chapter office. Original records are to remain in the Grand Chapter office, not to be taken out and you don't want your bank account numbers floating all over the place. But when you give them permission for access, this Chairman wanted to make transfers himself. That's what we hired the Bankers to do. He tried to get transfers made and so the Bankers called to complain that he wasn't on the account and he wasn't authorized to do that. And I had no instructions as far as to go ahead and allow him, the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron are on that account as well as the Grand Secretary and myself. The Grand Secretary and myself do not just go ahead and do something just because maybe we'd like to.

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Worthy Grand Matron, can I answer this?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Keith Mikeworth.

Brother Keith Mikeworth: This person has not tried to make any transfers. The Constitution states that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary will make transfers and investments by the approval of the Board of Directors. (Applause) This I'm sorry to say, but transfers have been made with the approval of the Board of Directors until after maybe the fact, thirty days, sixty days after the fact. A transfer should not be made from that bank account from one to the other without the Board of Directors knowing where it is going and why it is going there. And that was what I was wanting the Secretary and the Grand Treasurer to get the approval of the Board of Directors before they make a transfer. They might put that money in my account. When you give authority for somebody to make a transfer without being approved, it can be transferred anywhere. Now I'm just being blunt and frank and the Bankers will tell you the same thing. When that Constitution states, with the approval of the Board, I take it that it means before the transfer is made. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Keith.

Sister Doretta Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, Doretta Smith.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Doretta Smith.

Sister Doretta Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, Alice Chapter #61. In my other job, I'm the controller at an automobile dealership that will do approximately \$40 million in sales this year and I have one suggestion, if timing is an issue with statements, my small local bank has my statements available electronically shortly after midnight the first day of every month. I would suggest that you look into the fact that J.P. Morgan probably has the same availability and you won't have to wait for snail mail to have those statements on the 8th or 9th of the month, every month. And also, while I'm gone, those five bank accounts that my company has, my assistant has inquiry access on those accounts. So, even though she doesn't sign, she can get information so that is available. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Doretta. And along those lines, if the Board of Directors feel that they are not receiving the financial statements in a timely manner, they could move their monthly meeting to the fourth Saturday of the month and only

one month out of the year would be affected and that would be in November by a holiday.

Associate Grand Conductress Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht.

Associate Grand Conductress Cheryl Albrecht: One of the problems that we have when the Board of Directors asked for access to the accounts, every, all Officers of Grand Chapter that has access to our financial accounts also is held under a bond by the Grand Chapter of Texas and unless we also bond that person, I do not believe that a non-bonded person should have access to our accounts. So that should be another consideration. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Cheryl. I recognize Sister Darla Dunaway.

Sister Darla Dunaway: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Darla Dunaway Past Matron of Mansfield #876, now affiliated with Everman #624. The Directors are under a Directors Liability which would cover us in being able to get that information and of course we all understand that the original documents of Grand Chapter are to remain in the office of Grand Chapter. We have not once asked to remove those however we were told at one time when we asked to just view those documents during our Board Meeting in Arlington in the Grand Chapter Office, that those documents had been given and removed by the Auditors. So the Board of Directors is working to do what is good for the Order for the membership that elected us. They showed a confidence that we are able to perform these duties. Our hands are being tied. All we're asking for is the ability to handle the financial transactions or to supervise the financial transactions of Grand Chapter as we are charged to do and have been elected to do by this membership.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Darla.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron, I brought all this up so if it is alright with you, I'd like to call for the question now to accept Sister Karen's report. We just wanted everybody to be aware that our Board of Directors was having some challenges. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, Sisters and Brother we need a two thirds vote of the voting delegates to stop debate. If you have heard enough discussion and you want to vote on the adoption of this report - to stop debate, if you don't want to hear anybody say anything else about this please raise your green card. (I think they don't want to hear anymore.) Any opposed? Okay, we can stop discussion. Now we need to vote on the adoption of the report presented in the Advanced Proceedings and the Supplemental report as presented. That was report number one of the Board of Directors. All in favor of the adoption of that report raise your green card. Thank you. All opposed? That report is adopted. (One rap)

Sister Karen Kidd: Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Lorraine Williams, Board of Directors District 3 for Report No. 2.

Sister Lorraine Williams: Thank you Sister Karen. Report No. 2 of the Board of Directors.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

We the Board of Directors present for your consideration and approval the proposed budget for the General Fund for the 2012-2013 Grand Chapter Year. The following is a summary of the report, which you will find on pages 43 and 44 of the Advanced Annual Report. We anticipate total Revenues of \$608,932. This includes projected receipts from Per Capita in the amount of \$93,000 based upon anticipated membership of 31,000 and projected interest revenue of \$223,060.

Anticipated Expenditures is \$608,932, which includes office rent of \$33,000, office salaries of \$99,000 and General Grand Chapter Per Capita of \$31,000.

We are pleased to present to Grand Chapter a balanced General Fund Budget. The details of the General Fund Budget can be found on pages 43 and 44 in the Advanced Annual Report.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move for the adoption of this Report No. 2 of the Board of Directors.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: We have a motion to adopt the General Fund Budget which is Report No. 2. Is there any discussion? I recognize somebody in the West.

Sister Sharon Reynolds: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Sharon Reynolds and I am the Jr. Past Matron of Velasco Chapter #220 and I do have some questions in regard to this budget. But first of all I do have to say, I thank the Board of Directors, the Secretary and the Treasurer for all their efforts in watching over the funds of this Grand Chapter. I would like to know exactly how many accounts does this Grand Chapter have. I heard that we have 16 investment account and 2 checking accounts. Is that correct?

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: The Grand Treasurer has escaped.

Sister Sharon Reynolds: I'm sorry can we come back to that question?

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Grand Secretary, can you answer that?

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: It is correct. We operate out of the two checking accounts. The others are all investments and we don't touch on those except when necessary to pay our Ladies.

Sister Sharon Reynolds: Okay, are those particular accounts each individual investment, an investment by a fund or a... Could you hear my question? Are those investment accounts, are they one individual investment for a particular, like ESTARL or is it for the General Fund.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: They are broken out, yes. They are broken out. We have the Endowment Account, we have our Endowment Sub Account, and there are investment accounts within..underneath those, like your Head Major Account and then there are investments underneath that that are broken out. When the mandates were written, I don't think

there has been an explanation on the mandates, it can be managed and there will be no, be no transactions involving those whatsoever as far as myself or the Grand Treasurer. The Cash Account, you have cash available for whenever we want to deposit, move funds, whatever is necessary for those items. Once a year we move our interest which is legislation predicts what we take out of our accounts each year. That Cash Account was made, there is one of those for every one of our investment accounts and under that are other accounts that make up the entire portfolio. But we only operate out of two checkings. We do have a brokerage investment account that is considered our Cash Holding account that those funds are invested also. A Cash Account was also established in that and everything else is held for investments and it's not touched. So probably an explanation on how mandates were written and agreed upon by our Board of Directors could be answered better by them if the people would like to talk to them about how the mandates were written. But we don't operate but out of two checking accounts on a regular basis for paying our bills and taking care of our Ladies.

Sister Sharon Reynolds: Are our checking accounts earning interest?

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Very little. That's why we have what we're calling our Brokerage Investment Account where we keep all excess cash that's not necessary to keep in a checking account that makes ten cents, seventeen cents interest month. It's kept in there to make a better or substantial amount of interest until the funds are needed in the checking account to pay bills. We do not hold all the excess cash in our checking. That's why the Brokerage Investment account was established. So that it could make some interest. That is our General Fund Access Fund.

Sister Sharon Reynolds: Approximately how much is held in that account?

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Right now...it varies depending on when we move money for special projects, our Endowed Stamps that we are continually selling, that particular account since around 1996. It's hard to explain how that is broken out and that amount varies from time to time.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Sister. Your three minutes are up. Sorry. More discussion?

Sister Lorraine Williams: Worthy Grand Patron if I may, I would like to reiterate that every member of this Grand Chapter is welcome to come to the Board meetings and ask any questions that you would like. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Is there any further discussion? If there is no further discussion, all of you that would approve that portion of the Board of Directors minutes and therefore the General Fund Budget you will let it be known by raising your green voting card. All opposed same sign. The motion carries. (One rap) Thank you Sister Lorraine, do you have more?

Sister Lorraine Williams: Worthy Grand Patron, I am pleased to present Darla Dunaway who will present Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors. Thank you to each one of you.

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sister Darla Dunaway: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Directors presents to you Report No. 3, which consists of two parts:

1. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)
2. Ladies OES Retirement Fund 501(c)(3)

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER

The report on the Ladies residing at the Masonic Retirement Center covers the period from September 1, 2011 through June 1, 2012.

The Grand Chapter year started with 13 residents at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center: 6 in the independent living area and 7 in the clinic.

The current cost of maintaining each lady in the independent living center is \$62.43 per day, \$22,786.95 per year. The current cost of maintaining each lady in the clinic is \$215.08 per day or \$78,504.20 per year. Each year in June, TMRC audits their actual cost per resident in the living center and the clinic. The above costs may be increased or decreased based on the TMRC audit.

From September 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012 we have paid \$567,423.59 to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The Board projects the total cost through August 31, 2012 will be approximately \$713,829.98 In addition to the housing and care of the residents, each lady sponsored by Grand Chapter is given an allowance of \$70.00 per month. This allowance totals approximately \$10,750.00 per year.

LADIES' OES RETIREMENT FUND, 501(C)(3) REPORT

The Retirement Fund is a 501(c)(3) fund, a strictly designated fund which can only be used for the care of the Ladies we support that reside at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. This type of fund is not only restricted by our Constitution and Code of Laws, but also by the Laws of the Land.

The income for this fund is derived from several sources. The three main sources of income continue to include a portion of the per capita, (which is \$5.00 per member), The Endowment Interest and capital and the Ladies' pension. There are other sources of income such as royalties from oil and gas, but they do not contribute much to the funds for support.

The care and well being of our Ladies will continue to be the main concern of the Board of Directors.

Ladies Retirement Fund 501(c)(3):

Beginning Balance: 09-10-2011 \$1,339.643.00

This figure is from Page 12 of
Audit Report for August 31, 2011

Balance as of	05-31-2012	\$971,046.74	This figure is from the May 31, 2012 Statement for the Investment account and the Home Primary Account from J.P. Morgan.
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With the current rates of return on our investments as well as the fact that our funds have not covered the expenses of our ladies this year without the use of capital funds, this Board of Directors is seeking ways to find additional funding to add income to this account. We covet your prayers concerning these financial matters.

The 2012-2013 budgeted revenues for the 501(c)(3) Ladies OES Retirement Fund are \$470,650.00 and the projected expenditures are \$752,887.00 resulting in a deficit budget of \$282,237.00.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, the Board of Directors must present for your consideration the proposed budget for the Ladies' OES Retirement Fund 501(c)(3) budget for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the year 2012-2013 as printed on page 46 of the Advanced Annual Report.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3.

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Tonya Foster, who will present Report No. 4.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Darla. The question on Report No. 3 would be the budget for the Ladies Fund is that correct, plus the other stuff. I get in trouble calling things stuff. Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the report of the Board of Directors, Report No. 3 and a motion to adopt the Ladies Fund Budget as shown on page 46 of the Advanced Annual Report. Is there any discussion? In the West?

Associate Grand Matron Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Patron, I have one question that I would like to ask. Maybe I misunderstood on, I understood that, I'm Annette Curry, Past Matron of North Fort Worth #684. I understood you to say that \$62.43 was the daily rate but on line 19 it says \$80.44. Is that a difference and on the Infirmary, I thought I understood you to say \$215.08 but yet on line 20 it says \$247.01. Did I misunderstand your saying that?

Sister Darla Dunaway: No ma'am you did not. This year after the June Texas Masonic Retirement Center audit, Grand Chapter of Texas made a payment of \$97,121.90 to pay back their cost for the care and support of our Ladies over the amount that we had paid throughout the 2010-2011 year. The budget is a projected amount, not the actual daily amount. We have used the figure of \$97,121.90 and we have used that to project what could possibly be the daily amount when the TMRC does their audit which is actually currently going on and we will receive another bill or refund if we overpaid for the care and the daily cost of the ladies.

Associate Grand Matron Annette Curry: So lines 19 and 20 are projected and not actuals.

Sister Darla Dunaway: Yes ma'am. They are projected figures, they are not actuals.

Associate Grand Matron Annette Curry: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: I recognize Brother Henry Martin. I apologize for both of you being up at the same time.

PGP Henry Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. I am Henry Martin, a Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. Sister Darla, may I ask, in this Ladies Fund Budget you have projected income from investments in the 501(c)(3). Is that correct?

Sister Darla Dunaway: Yes Sir.

PGP Henry Martin: What kind of return are we getting on that? What kind of return did we get last year and what's the basis for this \$20,000? You've got a \$20,000 interest or receipts that I'm assuming is investment income? Is that correct?

Sister Darla Dunaway: I believe that is correct and I actually was not on the Financial Committee that watched these investments. I'm simply giving the report of the Ladies Funds. I cannot answer that question and will not attempt to answer it without good firm facts. Sister Lorraine, could you assist me please?

Sister Lorraine Williams: Brother Henry, that amount in the budget was arrived based on an estimated revenue that was the actual for the year 2011-2012. I have it in my briefcase and I can pull it out if you want to wait for me to get that figure for you. I thought it was going to be in the Advance Report but I see that it was not published, the actuals for the last year.

Brother Henry Martin: Yeah, because I would think you would want to use some kind of actual figures from the past to project what you think will happen in the future.

Sister Lorraine Williams: Yes sir, it was based on actuals from last year and the year before.

Brother Henry Martin: I guess the question I've got and I guess it relates to a lot of things but we've talked about changing investment policies and all of this, by my 6th grade arithmetic, the 501(c)(8) funds seem to be earning less than 1 ½% and it seems to me that we ought to be talking pretty seriously to somebody about some kind of better return on that because everything that I'm hearing – the Ladies Fund is underfunded and all of that – a lot of that could be remedied if we got a decent rate of return. Now I know interest rates are low but I also know with the proper investment, professional investment advice and action that you can do a little better than that. And when we have millions of dollars to deal with seems like we should be doing a little better than that. Thank you.

Sister Lorraine Williams: I think the answer to that question is because of our restructuring that we did have to absorb quite a bit of loss this year. But now hopefully now that the

restructure has been completed, and hopefully the economy is going to improve, those returns on our investments are going to improve in the coming year. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, those of you that would vote to approve Board of Directors Report No. 3 and the Ladies Fund budget will let it be known by raising of the green voting card. Those opposed by the same sign. There are none, the motion carries. (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron, I just want to say thank you for disappearing as soon as all the controversial money matters came up. (Laughter)

Sister Darla Dunaway: It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Tonya Foster who will present the Board of Directors Report No. 4.

Sister Tonya Foster: Thank you Sister Darla. I probably need to move this up (the microphone) but I don't want to touch it – I don't want to shoot anybody. It sounds like a firing squad. (Laughter) And this is the actuals. I know you heard Sister Lorrie give her report but these are actuals.

**Report No. 4
The Board of Directos
Benevolent Aid Fund**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Article F, page 72 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Benevolent Aid Fund, for the period from September 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012.

INCOME:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 53,405.95
2011 Per Capita	32,754.00
Humanitarian, Donations, Interest	17,246.00
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$ 103,405.95

DISBURSEMETS

Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$ 19,250.00
Temporary (7) Benevolent Aid	10,000.00
Emergency (4) Benevolent Aid	5,000.00
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 \$ 34,250.00

BALANCE IN FUND 7/31/2012. \$ 69,155.95

At this time, 4 members of 3 chapters are receiving Long Term Benevolent Aid.

Benevolent Aid Budget 2012 - 2013

ESTIMATED INCOME:

2012 Per Capita	\$ 30,000.00
Huminatarian Fund	15,000.00
Prior Year Fund Balance	65,000.00

PROPOSED BUDGET \$ 110,000.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

Long Term Aid	\$ 30,000.00
Emergency Aid	15,000.00
Temporary Aid	15,000.00

TOTAL BENEVOLENT AID BUDGET \$ 60,000.00

NET INCOME \$ 50,000.00

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: No. 4?

Sister Tonya Foster: For Report No. 4, I apologize.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I have a motion and a second for the adoption of the Board of Directors Report No. 4. Is there any discussion? I recognize Brother Trey Smith.

Brother Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Trey Smith and I'm a Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249. Maybe it's just me but the numbers that you were reading, Sister Tonya, I'm not finding on this Benevolent Aid report that is printed in this Advanced Annual Report.

Sister Tonya Foster: Page 45.

Brother Trey Smith: Page 45. Some of the numbers that I heard I do not believe match this report. Am I wrong?

Sister Tonya Foster: It appears that there are no actuals.

Brother Trey Smith: I went to school in Westbrook, Texas and I know it's small but...

Sister Tony Foster: They're telling me that it appears to be the Grand Treasurers Report.

Brother Trey Smith: I don't see how we can vote to accept the report if it is not the correct report given.

Sister Tonya Foster: This is my report, I don't know...my report is on page 45.

Brother Trey Smith: Our report is not your report, I believe, ma'am.

(Sidebar with Sister Tonya, WGM, WGP)

Sister Tonya Foster: Are you wanting to know why the figures are different than what the Grand Treasurer gave?

Brother Trey Smith: No.

Sister Tonya Foster: I gave you our actual figures what was spent in our Benevolent Aid, page 45 is the budget and it does match what I just gave on the estimated income. I have no control over the printing of the actuals.

Brother Trey Smith: Would you not base your report on the actuals?

Sister Tonya Foster: Lorraine, I'm gonna let you since you do have those actuals.

Brother Trey Smith: I would think that you would have to report that based on actuals not...

Sister Lorraine Williams: Brother Trey, can I have your question again?

Brother Trey Smith: Okay, my question is, the page 45 report of the Benevolent Aid, the numbers that Sister Tonya read are not all of the same numbers that are printed on page 45. I do believe, correct?

Sister Lorraine Williams: Okay, the 2011 Per Capita that is on Sister Tonya's report is not on that report because the 2011-2012 actuals were inadvertently omitted from the Advance Report. I had given that to the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary to be printed in the Advance Report but it was not included. And that is why you don't have it on that report.

Brother Trey Smith: Then how can we vote to approve a budget that we don't have the correct numbers to know what the numbers are to approve? (Sidebar taking place) I'll be back here. (Laughter)

Sister Lorraine Williams: I think I'm correct. The 2011 Per Capita for Benevolent Aid was what was earned in the 2010-11, uh..2011-2012 Mary Ruth White's year, \$32,754. It is just not printed in your Annual Report, it was inadvertently left out. And that is why, I apologize, that it is not there. It was turned in to be printed but it is not there. And I'm not putting any blame on anyone for that. I hope that answers your question.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Tonya, do you want to table this or for the membership would you rather, since it appears that what is printed in the Advanced Proceedings is the incorrect part, just the Budget... (more sidebar discussion).

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I will do what this Membership thinks we need to do.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Would you all like to change what's printed in your Report to match what Sister Tonya is presenting? I'm confused now. I don't know what's right. I don't know what's printed and what she's reading. (Another sidebar) Can we have a song from our Grand Choir while we figure out what's what?

Brother Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Trey Smith.

Brother Trey Smith: I, in no way, am trying to cause us any problem. However, I may be able to offer a solution, just a suggestion. Since we are having obviously a lot of discussion about this up there, would it be possible that we have copies made of the correct numbers and what she's proposing to present correctly and handed out maybe later on today or something? I hate for the expense but I just feel like the membership of Texas needs to know what we are voting on as a budget. I mean the numbers just need to be correct. It's not, I mean we can't really be expected to vote on something I don't think if we don't have the correct numbers.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, thank you Brother Trey. I recognize Sister Tonya.

Sister Tony Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, Tonya Foster, Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747. I move that we table this. I do believe it has been decided that this report is correct but I will do everything I can for this membership to get these figures so you can see them if that means that I run them off and pay for them out of my own pocket. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to table Report No. 4 of the Board of Directors until such time as it can be clarified. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? That motion carries. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

PGP Richard Ochs: Ma'am, I couldn't get to the mic and it's really, I'm not going to object to what happened but in the future would they please express what is at the bottom of their Ladies Fund on page 46, that the \$97,000 did not come from the 501(c)(3) to pay for the audit, it was the adjustment to the fund as a result of the audit. And if you read it technically the way it is expressed it's just as very confusing but I could not get to the mic. But thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Richard.

Sister Tonya Foster: It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Becky Austin who will present Report No. 5.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Charles Foster.

Brother Charles Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm sorry, I've just been sitting up there this morning and I just wanted to come down. I had something I wanted to say. My name is Charles Foster. I'm Past Patron of Tenaha Chapter #185. I want to say that I love the Order of the Eastern Star. I love what it stands for. I want everyone to know that my wife is on stage, she is one of the Board of Directors and one that has been relieved of her responsibilities recently. So this is personal on several levels. She is my wife and this is my Order as well as it is yours. Our Board, I've carried my wife when I'm home and I've gotten to know these Board Members and their spouses. It's a good group of people. They don't always agree. None of us do, not even in our own families. But they have a way of working through their problems for the benefit of our Order and us. We need to remember that. That they are fighting for us. Fighting for what we elected them for. I just want to ask everyone to please remember them in their prayers. Let's try to remember what's right. What our Order needs to survive, to grow and to be strong. Let's give them what they need to do the job we elected them for please. They love their Order also, our Order. Thank you. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Charles. For the next report of the Board of Directors I recognize Sister Becky Austin.

Sister Becky Austin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Becky Austin of the Board of Directors and this is Report No. 5, the Audit Report.

REPORT NO. 5 - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - AUDIT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, and most importantly, My Sisters and Brothers all:

It is my task to bring you a summary of the Audit Report of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and the Eastern Star Home of Texas as delivered to the Board of Directors by Ratliff & Associates, P.C., an accounting firm engaged to perform this service. I do not by any inference wish to imply that the membership is not conversant with the meaning of an Independent Audit; but merely to clarify in order that we may all work from the same definition.

An Independent Audit is an external accounting function conducted by a public accounting firm or a private certified accountant. Audits are usually an objective review of a company or corporations' financial information. External audits are usually conducted by individuals outside the business to provide an objective opinion regarding the company's financial accounting processes or practices. Independent audits may be undertaken by wide variety of organizations for diverse reasons from time to time. These audits insure organizations are following specific regulations or laws imposed upon their business operations by their own policies and procedures and/or by some governmental entity. Persons engaged to perform such external, or independent, audits do so utilizing the company's bookkeeping or accounting department. The final report is then rendered to the Chief Executive Officer and/or the company's Board of Directors.

Now that we are on the same page, I would like to present to you the summary of the report

rendered to this noble body through its Board. Ratliff & Associates, P.C., completed their audit of the records, documentations, related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flow on the financial position of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star (a Texas non-profit corporation) and the Eastern Star Home of Texas (a Texas non-profit corporation) on February 17, 2012 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2011 and compared to the audit of the previous fiscal year of 2010. These financial statements are the responsibilities of the Organization's management.

In planning and performing the audit of the consolidated financial statements cited, consideration was given for the Organization's internal controls over financial reporting as a basis for the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing Ratliff & Associates' opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Organization's internal controls. Accordingly, the accounting firm did not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal system. Ratliff & Associates audit design plan was not to identify all deficiencies of the Organization's internal controls. However, the auditors did identify certain deficiencies in internal controls that they considered to be material weaknesses, and other deficiencies that they considered to be significant deficiencies. A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. Ratliff & Associates consider the following deficiency in the Organization's internal controls to be a material weakness:

Reconciliation of the Grand Session financial records disclosed that the Grand Chapter had no control or oversight of Grand Session finances. The revenues and disbursements related to the Grand Session are sufficiently large enough to require the Grand Chapter to have oversight, have access to all financial records, and provide monthly reconciliations of the bank account.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. The auditors considered the following deficiencies in the Organization's internal control to significant deficiencies:

1. Segregation of Duties - The disbursements testing disclosed that the functions of initiating transactions, recording transactions, and reconciling bank accounts are not properly segregated due to the limited number of staff available. The functions have been segregated between two employees as much as possible given the current structure of the staff. Segregation of duties is critical for effective internal controls and is necessary to reduce the risk of both fraud and errors. *Auditor's recommendation - that the Organization appoint a third individual, who is independent of the disbursement process, to take on the responsibility of reconciling bank accounts.*
2. Signature Stamp - Disbursements testing disclosed that signature stamps are

being maintained in the safe and are used in the event that an authorized signer is not available. The opportunity to use the signature stamp had the potential to override the dual signature control and also allows an unauthorized individual to sign checks. *Auditor's recommendation - The signature stamp should not be used to sign checks where a dual signature is required by the Organization's policies and procedures.*

3. Non-sequential checks - Disbursements testing disclosed that checks are issued out of sequence. *Auditor's recommendation - Checks should be used in the renumbered sequential order to ensure all disbursements have been properly authorized and accounted for.*

In addition to the above control deficiencies, Ratliff & Associates noted an operational matter that is not considered to be a control deficiency; however, they do believe it to be in the Organization's best interest to address the item.

Silent auction revenues - The Organization recorded all revenue from the Rob Morris Celebration silent auctions in one general ledger account without segregating amounts received for donated items. Furthermore, no documentation was maintained to support the fundraising revenue amounts received. Therefore, the fair value of in-kind items received and sold in auction cannot be verified. This information is necessary for accurate completion of the IRS Form 990. *Auditor's recommendation - Management should maintain adequate documentation of all receipts from fundraising events. The documentation should detail amounts received for each type of fundraising activity. The documentation should then be reconciled to the deposit record by a person independent of the deposit process.*

This audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also involved assessing the accounting principals used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The accompanying consolidated financial statements presented the consolidated financial position and changes in net assets and cash flows of the Organization. All significant intra-organizational accounts and transactions were eliminated from the analysis. The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require the audit be performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The firm of Ratliff & Associates, P.C., believes that their audit provides a reasonable basis for their opinion concerning the financial statements of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Eastern Star Home of Texas. In their opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to in their audit present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas as of August 31, 2011 and in comparison to the previous year of 2010. They found the changes in the net assets and cash flows for the years cited to be in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This audit report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of the 130th Annual

Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: (Loud popping sound again) I'm sorry, that's me! My book hits the cord. I didn't know it was that powerful. We have a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 5 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion?

Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland.

Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. First of all I would like to congratulate Sister Becky Austin. Wonderful job of handling that report which I didn't half understand. (Laughter) However Becky, it was a wonderful job. I just have one question that perhaps you could help me understand.

Sister Becky Austin: I will try my best.

Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry: And I know you'll try Sister Becky. You are an asset to our Board of Directors and I congratulate you. Can you explain to me what Organizational Management means?

Sister Becky Austin: As I have read through the Auditors Report and their letters and to the best of my knowledge, I would interpret that to be that under our Code of Laws and Constitution, Organizational Management would first be our Chief Executive Officer, which is our Worthy Grand Matron followed by our Corporate Board and then followed by the Board of Directors. But that is only my interpretation and I would gladly relinquish that question to our Worthy Grand Matron to see if she has a better definition.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I think Sister Becky that you probably answered that correctly. It's not in sequential order but our Code of Laws does state, in the Constitution it does state that the Worthy Grand Matron has the Executive powers of Grand Chapter and another place in our Code of Laws it states that the Corporate Board is in charge of the business affairs of Grand Chapter during vacation. And then of course we have the duties outline of the Board of Directors.

Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you Sister Becky and I did have one other comment to make for your wonderful Audit Report from the Auditors. We are a powerfully financial organization in addition to charitable and benevolence and it is so good to have our records audited and I hope that the recommendations from this Audit firm will be implemented in the coming year. Thank you Sister Becky Austin.

Sister Becky Austin. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to preside.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Another trap...(Laughter)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: It's a trick. Worthy Grand Patron, do you recognize me?

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: I recognize the Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I am Vi Griffin a Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649 and the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas and I would like to address the three recommendations, or were there four, that the auditors presented. The first was for, correct me if I'm wrong, an appointment of a third person in the disbursements or was it the Segregation of Duties? They kind of...

Sister Becky Austin: That was under the Segregation of Duties and it was to appoint a third individual to reconcile the bank statements.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, I was present when this audit report was presented. And as the auditors were there, before they left I think that they all agreed and the Board of Directors agreed, that based on the personnel that we have available in our office in Arlington that the duties of the Grand Chapter transactions have been sufficiently segregate based on the personnel that we have. The second recommendation was about the signature stamp. It is kept in a safe. I instructed the Grand Chapter office that it is to be used only on Certificates or correspondence and it's really not even needed on correspondence because they have my signature electronically for correspondence. So it is only used on Certificates as the Grand Chapter Office needs. And the non-sequential use of checks in non-sequential order, that was a onetime event or occurrence – it wasn't an event – an occurrence one time when our Grand Secretary brought blank checks with her to the Grand Chapter Session that the presentation to the various organizations through her Special Projects that those checks might be presented at Grand Chapter. So those checks were...is that correct Sister Marlene? It was a onetime occurrence.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Yes ma'am. Worthy Grand Matron that was a onetime occurrence on that.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay. And we slapped them on the wrist and told them "don't ever do that again". So we want you to know that all these recommendations and concerns of our Auditors have been addressed by the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Is there any further discussion?

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Yes sir. If you do know that the office has been running short on staff and I did run an ad to hire a bookkeeper and I'm trying to get that extra staff but I have only had one applicant and the hours that we were going to offer was not enough for that person. So, if you are interested in helping us and coming and being a part of that and have bookkeeping, please come and apply. I've tried to get someone to hire but I haven't had any applications.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Is there further discussion?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: There was a comment about the accounting for the

Session. You know again that was a onetime occurrence. The year that they were auditing, they didn't have the records of the Grand Chapter Session on a timely basis. I know that the Auditors have had contact with the 2011-2012 Executive Committee and we have assured them that by Nov. 1st when they request it, they will have the final accounting of this Grand Chapter Session and they were satisfied with that promise, if you will. The Board of Directors have asked that the Auditors to try to get the report to them prior to their Board Meeting that they would have enough time to review, that they could review this entire audit before they are called on to ...before it is actually presented. And I think maybe the Session issue was the reason it cause it to be late so I think all of those issues concerning the Audit have been resolved.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all that would favor the adoption of the Board of Directors Report No. 5 will let it be known by raising your green voting card. Those opposed same sign. Motion carries. (One rap).

Sister Becky Austin: At this time it is my pleasure to present Brother Ron Zipp with the Board's Report No. 6.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Ron Zipp.

Brother Ron Zipp: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Report No. 6 of the Board of Directors, Endowed Members.

**REPORT NO. 6
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Article 204e, pages 148-151 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Endowed Memberships, for the period from September 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012.

One hundred eighty two memberships were purchased from September 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012 for a total dollar amount of \$91,000.00 (ninety one thousand dollars).

In accordance with Article 204e, page 151, distributions of earnings cannot be made until May 31 of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

The distribution of earnings to chapters for endowed membership this past year resulted in \$15.45 for each Endowed Membership.

As of May 31, 2012 a grand total of five thousand five hundred ninety six Endowed Memberships have been purchased for a total dollar amount of \$2,798,000.00 (two million seven hundred ninety eight thousand dollars). There is an increase of 27 Endowed Memberships purchased by our members this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Ron. We have a motion and ...

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: and a second to adopt the Report No. 6 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your green cards. And all opposed. Thank you. That motion carries.

Brother Ron Zipp: Thank you. It is my...

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Brother Ron, if the Board of Directors doesn't mind and even if they do mind we're going to take a break for lunch.

Brother Ron Zipp: What a wonderful idea. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: And we'll continue with the reports of the Board of Directors immediately following the Humanitarian presentation at 1:00. Thank you. Sister Naomi Wolfe, I invite you to voice our Benediction for this morning.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for calling upon me to bring the closing prayer for this Friday Morning Session. I am blessed and honored to do so. I would ask that the membership take the hand of someone near and let's bow our heads in prayer. Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for another day during which we continue to move forward accomplishing the task of the day and for which each Session of this Grand Chapter is called. Dear Lord, watch over our leaders, guide them and our membership to assure that the business conducted during each Session achieves its full potential and meets the needs of our Order and our membership. As we leave here this morning headed for the noon day meal, please heavenly Father bring each and every one back safely this afternoon Session refreshed and with a renewed excitement and enthusiasm. In Jesus name we pray, Amen. (Amen)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Naomi. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this *Family – the Joy of Our Lives* Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Ritualistic closing of the Chapter and Bible)

I now call this Friday morning *Family – the Joy of Our Lives* Session called from Labor to Rest until 1:30 p.m. at which time we will continue our business Session.

Sisters and Brothers, we have deeply appreciated your attention and your cooperation. Please enjoy your lunch and be back with us this afternoon as we present the Humanitarian Program and open our afternoon Session and continue our business.



**130th Session Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
“Friends – The Essentials of Our Lives Session”
Friday Afternoon Session
July 27, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
Ford Park Event Center
Beaumont, Texas**

1:15 p.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Ann O’Dell
PM of Silsbee #298

1:30 p.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Mr. Nelson Campbell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

RWGS Alma Bane: Sisters and Brothers, Good Afternoon. Does anybody have Texas time out there? Okay, we’re on Texas time. As you can see, I am not Sister Nancy Brown, but I know that each of you holds Sister Nancy in your thoughts and prayers as she gets better. Recently, I told Sister Vi that if she needed any assistance, I would be pleased to help and she remembered that. I appreciate her confidence in me in opening this *Friends – The Essentials of Our Lives* Session with Brother Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron 2005-2006.

Sister Vi and I worked as a team when she served as a Page for the Grand Conductress when I was Associate Grand Conductress and we learned at that time that our steps were in sync. Later I ask her to serve as my By Laws Chairman and she did that very capably and proficient manner. Sister Vi, thank you for your service to our Grand Chapter – past, present and the future.

Brother David Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron, your service to our fraternal family spans several organizations. When Sister Vi and you were Well Wishers and Peacemakers, Sisters Willie Mae, Rosemary, and I were District Deputies. We know you were taught well and you have done us proud. You are always a gentleman, a willing worker, and knowledgeable leader. We appreciate your love and service to our Order.

Brother Nelson, I invite you to greet our membership.

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Sister Alma. We have had many happy occasions serving this Order together and this will be another occasion that we can add to that list. It is certainly a privilege to open this Friday Afternoon Session with you. My thanks go to Sister Vi Griffin and Brother David Dibrell for the privilege of greeting and welcoming all the members and guests that are in attendance. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as the sun is slowly sinking in the West on your year, may you have only beautiful memories

of your time in the East. Thank you.

RWGS Alma Bane: Thank you Brother Nelson. I now call this *Friends – the Essentials of Our Lives* Grand Chapter Session to Order. I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers to assemble in the West in preparation for entering the Grand Chapter room.

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sister Vi and Brother David, we are all so very proud of the dynamic leadership you have rendered as you have crossed the state multiple times encouraging our membership with positive can-do attitudes.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with great pleasure that I present Sister Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother David Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with joy and happiness and an expression of appreciation for allowing me to do this for you, to place into your hand your gavel so that you might preside for this afternoon Session.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the duties of this Grand Chapter. (One rap) Thank you Sister Alma Lynn and Brother Nelson Campbell for extending us the honor of opening our *Friends – The Essentials of Our Lives* Session. When we think of all the essential things in life – the things we cannot live without – surely our friends are near the top of that list. Thank you for being our Friends. Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Alma and Brother Nelson we appreciate your calling this Session to order. And we feel surrounded by having you two call this Session to order. Thank you for your constant encouragement this year.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Our invocation for this afternoon Session will be voiced by Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron and more especially, my friend. (Three raps)

PGM Elise Hammack: Please bow your heads and let us pray. Almighty and most glorious God, we lovingly invite you into our presence again and thank thee for the bountiful blessing bestowed upon us. Oh Lord, as we begin another Session of our Grand Chapter, we ask for your watch, care and guidance that all we have to say and do will be pleasing in Thy sight. May we be gentle, loving and kind with our Sisters and Brothers. We thank thee for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and pray they may soon enjoy sweet peace and rest.

And now, oh Lord of Souls, may we all put our trust in thee. May all assembled here receive abundantly of thy blessed spirit, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, and use it all as it shall please thee for the glory of thy name. And now Lord, hear our prayers and

accept our thanks in Christ's name. Amen (Amen)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: (One rap) Sisters and Brothers with your indulgence, before we officially open the afternoon Session, we would like to go ahead and present the Humanitarian Drill. We'll have the report be adopted after the Session is officially open so if the Arrangements Committee would clear the floor and our Grand Officers would move to the side and sit by their Pages, I will invite Sister Tina Stevens, General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee to present the Humanitarian report for the Grand Chapter year of 2011-2012.

Sister Tina Stevens: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

WOW! What a year this has been. It doesn't seem all that long ago that Sister Vi asked me if I would be her Humanitarian General Chairman, and I was scared to death. I remember her asking me if I could balance a check book, and I said "yes." Well, I am here to tell you that there is a lot more to it than that. But, for an ex ICU and ER nurse that used to enjoy writing in the little boxes on spread sheets, it was like coming home. As soon as I understood how the reports were compiled, it was smooth sailing after that. Sister Vi and Brother David, I can not thank you enough for asking me to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas in this role. I will be forever indebted to you. I also could not have asked to work with 5 better chairmen. We have enjoyed traveling together, working together, and of course, bonding together. We were fortunate that all six of us were able to make both Sister Vi's and Brother David's first Fraternal Visits and all the District Chairmen made all of their schools. I was able to make 3 schools in District 3 and at least one school in each of the other Districts. I look forward to many years of continued friendship with these 5 girls. I would also like to thank my home chapter, Arlington #249 for their love and support this past year. They even took a vote to become 200% in the Humanitarian Program, which had not been done in many years. It is much harder for those chapters with more than 200 members to achieve above 100%. I would be remiss if I also did not mention the girls in the Grand Secretary's Office that were always there to assist us when we needed them. I enjoyed getting to know Tava and how the Humanitarian Program came together.

I was told during my investigation into the Order of the Eastern Star, that I would get as much out of OES as I put into it. I have come to realize this year that might not be totally true. I think the more you give to others, the more that comes back to you tenfold. Sister Vi and Brother David's Humanitarian Program was so simple, yet so true. We raised money to support the individuals in our communities that are going to school in the various fields of Religious Service through the FAITH Program. We supported our fellow Sisters and Brothers for long term, temporary, or emergency benevolent aid with money raised through the FAMILY Program. Lastly, we supported our Sisters, Brothers, and their families with scholarships for higher education through the FRIENDS Program. Through each member that made donations and each chapter contributing at least \$1.00 per member, you, the membership, have made this program work.

I will now let each District Chairman give their report and I will come back to give the final

totals received to date. First we have Sister Kathy Paschal from District 1.

Sister Kathy Paschal: Thank you Sister Tina.

With Protocol so eloquently established, I will start with...

My Sweet Sisters and Brothers all,

It has been my honor to serve this year as the Humanitarian Chairman for District 1. The WGM chose Faith, Family and Friends for her Humanitarian Program. Faith for ESTARL donations, which assist men and women to further their education in the various fields of Religious service; Family for donations to the Benevolent Aid fund, which provide support when our Fraternal Family needs help; and Friends for donations to the Educational Fund, which assists persons who are preparing today to afford us a better tomorrow.

Each Chapter was encouraged to be at least 100% in the Humanitarian Program by contributing \$1.00 per member as reported on the May 31, 2011 Annual Report.

District One members, you will be proud to know that many chapters in our District went far beyond that in the generosity to these projects of the WGM. District One has accomplished so much despite the hard economic times.

300% Chapters - 9

Section 2

Carpenter #183

Whitewright #939

Section 3

Royse City #642

Section 5

Ferris #508

Midlothian #234

Richardson #921

Winnie #160

Section 8

Beckville #273

Section 9

Omaha #997

400% Chapters - 3

Section 4

Dal-Cliff #574

Section 5

Lancaster #943

Section 7

Bullard #972

500% Chapters - 2
Section 4
Templar #374
Section 7
Mabank #821

600% Chapter - 1
Section 1
Decatur #543

700% Chapter - 1
Section 1
Boyd #897

It is with great pleasure to present this report of District One.

There are 98 chapters in District 1 with total membership of 8,076

Total amount given through July 31, 2012 is \$14,234.00

Total amount given for ESTARL is \$4,235.68

Total amount for Benevolent Aid is \$5,326.16

Total amount for Education fund is \$5,672.16

All 98 chapters were at least 100%.

100% Chapters - 73

200% Chapters - 7
Section 1
Bowie #16
Denton #259
Section 4
Loyal #648
Section 5
Grand Prairie #219
Section 6
Fairfield #331
Section 7
Rusk-Alto #79
Section 9
Daingerfield #906

800% Chapter - 1
Section 1
The Colony #1136

1000% Chapter - 1
 Section 7
 Athens #177

District 1 - Final Humanitarian Report 2011 - 2012					
Report Date	Chapter Donations	Total	FAITH	FAMILY	FRIENDS
			ESTARL Program	Benev. Aid	Educational Fund
October	\$3,541.00	\$3,541.00	\$815.02	\$1,344.50	\$1,381.48
November	\$4,164.00	\$7,705.00	\$763.66	\$1,499.66	\$1,900.68
December	\$2,747.00	\$10,452.00	\$701.50	\$923.00	\$1,122.50
January	\$370.00	\$10,622.00	\$90.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
February	\$1,092.00	\$11,914.00	\$525.00	\$248.00	\$319.00
March	\$710.00	\$12,624.00	\$165.50	\$398.00	\$146.50
April	\$240.00	\$12,864.00	\$20.00	\$210.00	\$10.00
May	\$150.00	\$13,014.00		\$50.00	\$100.00
June	\$200.00	\$13,214.00	\$35.00	\$145.00	\$20.00
July	\$616.00	\$13,830.00		\$242.00	\$374.00
August	\$404.00	\$14,234.00	\$120.00	\$126.00	\$158.00
TOTAL	\$14,234.00		\$3,235.68	\$5,326.16	\$5,672.16

District 1 has a total 98 Chapters and 8,076 members

I want to thank all the Chapters in District 1 for all the courtesies and for every kindness that you showed this District 1 Chairman. Your hospitality has made this a wonderful and fulfilling appointment.

I want to thank the WGM and WGP for this wonderful appointment. It has been such an extreme pleasure to witness first hand the huge generosity that our fraternal sisters and brothers show in so many ways. I have always known that District 1 was a generous group, but did not realize the magnitude of that generosity. Thank you again.

I now recognize the District 2 Chairman and my friend, Audri Rowell for her report of District 2.

Sister Audri Rowell: Thank you Sister Kathy.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

It has been my great honor to serve as the Humanitarian Chairman for District 2 for the 2011 - 2012 Grand Chapter Year. I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for the confidence she placed in me by allowing me to serve the membership of District 2. This year has brought the membership closer as we continue to build on our Faith, support our Family, and encourage our Friends.

It is with great pride that I submit the following report for District 2.

Number of Chapters in District - 34

Number of Members in District - 3,053

Total Donations \$4,713.00

Number of 100% Chapters - 24

Number of 200% Chapters - 5

Number of 300% Chapters - 1 - A.E. Shirley #986

Number of 400% Chapters - 1 - Midland #253

I commend the Chapters of District 2 for their dedication to our Order. I would say “Thank you” to the other five ladies of this committee, the friendship and bonds that we have made will last a lifetime.

It is with pleasure that I now present District 3, Sister Sandy Trimble.

Sister Sandy Trimble: Good evening, or afternoon.

It has been my honor to serve as Humanitarian Chairman of District 3 for this year. Our Humanitarian programs used Faith, Family and Friends which, to me, was very special.

At the District 3 Schools, in my programs you heard me say how I related these to both myself and the Order. You have to have Faith to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. You are related in some way to a Mason, that is family. And when you join our Order, you make a wide range of new Friends. I also said that to me I sometime get these two, Family and Friends, mixed up because my Eastern Star Friends are also my Family.

I thank you for the honor of serving you this year. I have met many more Friends/Family members through the schools and hope to make more in the days and years ahead.

Now, here is my report for District 3 as of my July report.

Total number of Chapters in District 3 - 77

Total number of members in District 3 - 5,827

Number of Chapters 100% - 59

Number of Chapters 200% - 10

Number of Chapters 300% - 2

Number of Chapters 700% - 1 - Santo Chapter #270 with 735%

District 3	Faith ESTARL	Family Benevolent Aid	Friends Education	Total
Section 1	\$823.46	\$863.97	\$1,282.57	\$2,970.00
Section 2	\$422.00	\$306.00	\$219.00	\$947.00
Section 3	\$94.00	\$0.00	\$228.00	\$322.00
Section 4	\$58.00	\$107.00	\$48.00	\$213.00
Section 5	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$347.00	\$394.00
Section 6	\$16.00	\$127.00	\$311.00	\$454.00
Section 7	\$121.00	\$93.00	\$116.00	\$330.00
Section 8	\$86.00	\$175.00	\$410.00	\$671.00
Section 9	\$57.00	\$17.00	\$494.00	\$568.00
Section 10	\$91.00	\$189.00	\$345.00	\$625.00
Grand Total	\$1,768.46	\$1,924.97	\$3,800.57	\$7,494.00

I now introduce Debi Fincher, District 4.

Sister Debi Fincher: Thank you Sister Sandy. Howdy everyone.

District 4 - Final Humanitarian Report 2011 - 2012					
Report	Chapter	Total	FAITH ESTARL	FAMILY Benev.	FRIENDS Educational
Date	Donations		Program	Aid	Fund
September	\$564.95	\$564.95	\$343.50	\$50.00	\$171.45
October	\$1,366.00	\$1,930.95	\$603.33	\$258.33	\$504.34
November	\$3,888.00	\$5,818.95	\$1,518.65	\$1,247.66	\$1,121.69
December	\$3,247.00	\$9,065.95	\$1,262.66	\$1,047.17	\$937.17
January	\$4,914.00	\$13,979.95	\$1,507.44	\$1,624.54	\$1,782.02
March	\$1,049.00	\$15,028.95	\$805.00	\$369.00	\$75.00
April	\$155.00	\$15,183.95	\$30.00		\$125.00
May	\$1,034.00	\$16,217.95	\$351.00	\$257.00	\$426.00
June	\$295.00	\$16,512.95	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$250.00
July	\$325.00	\$16,837.95	\$54.00	\$100.00	\$171.00
TOTALS			\$6,295.58	\$4,978.70	\$5,563.67
Special Recognitions					
District 4 has a total 105 Chapters and 10,100 members and collected a total of \$16,837.95					
Iola/North Zulch # 458, Sec 6 - first to reach 500%, November 2011					
Mt. Belieu #1142, Sec 4 - first to reach 800% in January, and they then reached their highest of 900% in March					
Huffman # 1112, Sec 4 - first to reach 1000% in March. They were quickly followed by Mt. Belieu in April, during which they also reached 1112%					
Huffman #1112 is the highest chapter in District 4 with 1131%					
I would also like to recognize the following for their donations to the Humanitarian Fund during 2011 - 2012.					
PM/PP Club, D4, S10 - \$55					
D4, S10 Study Club - \$44					
Nighttime Study Club, D4, S10 - \$11					
PM/PP of Houston - \$100					
Vivacious Ladies/Distinguished Gentlemen of D4, S10 - \$44					
These totals were reflected in the final numbers.					

I now invite Sister Vickie Mathews, District 5.

Sister Vickie Mathews: Thank you Sister Debi. I am pleased to present the following report for District 5. There were 65 chapters in District Five, with a total of 5,037 members. There were 63 chapters with at least 100% participation in the Humanitarian Program this year. Of these, I am pleased to report that there were 45 100% chapters, eleven (11) chapters were 200%, two (2) chapters - Leakey No. 118 and Creedmore No. 607 - were 300%, one (1) chapter - Hondo No. 404 - was 400%, one (1) chapter - Mathis No. 874 - was 500%, two (2) chapters - Floresville No. 271 and Amistad No 1115 - were 1000%, and one (1) chapter - Canyon Lake Chapter No. 1103 was a 1300% chapter.

There has been a total of \$8,781.25 donated by District 5 chapters and members to the three humanitarian programs this year. Of this \$2,822.67 was donated to the FAITH program for the ESTARL scholarship program, \$2,260.67 was donated to the FAMILY program for Benevolent Aid, and \$3,697.91 was donated to the FRIENDS program for the Educational Fund.

Report Date	Chapter Donations	Total	FAITH ESTARL Program	FAMILY Benev. Aid	FRIENDS Educational Fund
September	\$3,091.00	\$3,091.00	\$379.50	\$752.00	\$1,959.50
October	\$4,080.00	\$7,171.00	\$1,816.17	\$1,207.67	\$1,056.16
November	\$485.00	\$7,656.00	\$191.00	\$139.00	\$155.00
December	\$327.00	\$7,983.00	\$135.00	\$92.00	\$100.00
January	\$231.00	\$8,214.00	\$126.00		\$105.00
February	\$75.00	\$8,289.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
March	\$75.00	\$8,364.00			\$75.00
April	\$0.00	\$8,364.00			
May	\$5.00	\$8,369.00		\$5.00	
June	\$342.25	\$8,711.25	\$150.00		\$192.25
July	\$70.00	\$8,781.25		\$35.00	\$35.00
TOTALS	\$8,781.25		\$2,822.67	\$2,260.67	\$3,697.91
Special Recognitions					
District 5 had a total 65 Chapters and 5,037 members					
There were 45 chapters at 100%.					
There were 11 chapters at 200%					
There 2 chapters at 300% (Leakey #18 Creedmore #507)					
There was 1 chapter at 400% (Hondo #404)					
There was 1 chapter at 500% (Mathis #874)					
There were 2 chapters at 1000% (Amistad #1115, Floresville No 271)					
There was 1 chapter at 1300% (Canyon Lake #1103)					

My sincere thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron for giving me this opportunity to work with the chapters in District 5 in providing for these very worthy programs. I thank the chapters for their participation which benefitted so many deserving people.

I now recognize Sister Tina Stevens our General Chairman.

Sister Tina Stevens: In summary, we have decided that sending your letter by certified mail does not mean that it will get there any faster than the regular mail or even on time, and there is never enough time to get everything done during the school schedule. Seriously, we did get every month's report turned in on time. Since the Grand Chapter's year does not end

until the end of August 2012, I will give the total numbers received to date.

Total Chapters as of 5/31/2011 - 380

Total Chapters participating in 2011 - 2012 Humanitarian Program - 375

Total Membership as of 5/31/2011 - 32,093

Total Money received for the FAITH Program (ESTARL) - \$15,963.39

Total Money received for the FAMILY Program (Ben. Aid) - \$16,188.49

Total Money received for the FRIENDS Program (Educational) \$19,908.32

Total Money received for the 2011 - 2012 Humanitarian Program \$52,060.20

I want to give a special thanks to Rick Pitts for helping us on the Humanitarian display and thank you again for your confidence in selecting me as your General Humanitarian Chairman for 2011-2012 and thank you the membership for participating in making our jobs easier. Worthy Grand Matron, I table this report for adoption during open Chapter. Sister Grand Marshal, would you like to start the Drill please. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron had asked that each Jr. Past Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron or their Chapter representative bring canned food or non-perishable items for a food drive and they are going to a local food bank and they will be dropping them off on the dolly back there before they come in. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron – this is Emily Irving from the Southeast Texas Food Bank located here in Beaumont, Texas. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Emily, all of these that you see have served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, the leaders of their Chapter and their term ended in June or they are currently serving their Chapters as a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron. Each of them has brought a non-perishable food item for your Southeast Texas Food Bank. I live around here and I know the good works that the Southeast Texas Food Bank does. So on behalf of all of these, accept our gift.

Emily Irving: I just want to say thank you all so much and we appreciate you thinking of the food bank. We really believe that we do make an impact in our community and this is what we believe it is all about is helping our neighbor. So, thank you and God bless you all. Thank you. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: If the Arrangements Committee will please reset the Grand Chapter Room floor.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Friends – the Essentials of Our Lives Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Ritualistic Opening called from Rest to Labor)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I now declare this *Friends – the Essentials of Our Lives* Session called from Rest to Labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, this *Friends – the Essentials of Our Lives* Session has been called from Rest to Labor.

Grand Sentinel: It is well.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Again, I ask those who are scheduled to bring reports this afternoon to be seated in the Grand East. I recognize Sister Tina Stevens, Humanitarian Chairman for the adoption of the report just presented. Sister Tina, as you come I want to thank you and the five District Chairmen...maybe I don't want Sister Tina Stevens to give the... (laughter)...one of you go find her, I think she's at the front in front of the display. We'll fast forward and I will call on Sister Melanie Rayner the Fraternal Correspondent for the adoption of the report given yesterday afternoon. Sister Melanie.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Worthy Grand Matron, I would move for the adoption of the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented yesterday afternoon.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent as was presented yesterday afternoon. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? That motion carries.

We're going to hit our re-wind button and see if we can clear up some things from this morning and I would recognize Sister Tonya Foster.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Tonya Foster, Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and I would like to bring Report...the Board of Directors Report #4 off of the floor.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Is that a motion?

Sister Tonya Foster: I'd like to move that we bring Report #4 off of the floor.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: You have to say table. It's not on the floor, it's on the table.

Sister Tonya Foster: I'm sorry, I thought I did say table. Let's just back it up.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Re-wind!

Sister Tonya Foster: I would like to bring Report #4 off of the table...I move that we bring Report #4 off of the table.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to bring Report #4 of the Board of Directors from the table. It is not debatable. All in favor please raise your right,

your right card...your green card. (Laughter) And any opposed? I recognize Sister Tonya Foster to present a clarification of Report #4.

Sister Tonya Foster: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I apologize. I guess I was just unaware that these figures were not in our Advanced Annual Report but if you will turn to page 45, in just a few minutes you will have these figures. I'm going to ask that you get out something to write with and I'm going to let you write them in. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron said that there was no need to spend the money to make these copies for me to hand out to you and you know I'm all for saving a little money so I think we can write these few figures in. Line #1 for Per Capita under Griffin's Actuals that would be the first column and will be \$32,754. Line 2, I have Interest, Humanitarian and Donations – that is all going to be in Line 2, that is the way that, that spread sheet was given to me from the Grand Secretary's office so this has our Interest, our Humanitarian and our Donations in it \$17,246. We are going to go to Line #4, Prior Year Fund Balance-that is the balance that I gave you of the beginning balance and that is \$53,405.95. You see on Line 5 there is a Hurricane Ike rollover. That is just in our bookkeeping and I understand that just stays on there, we have no money in that. Sister Grand Secretary that is just in our book-keeping and that comes off at a three year period? Am I correct on that?

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Yes ma'am.

Sister Tonya Foster: So we have no money in that line item. We have a grand total of \$103,405.95. Our Expenses – Long Term Aid is \$19,250. Temporary Aid \$10,000. Emergency Aid \$5,000. Our total on our Expenses is \$34,250. That leaves us a balance of \$69,155.95. Now, if you go to the Budget for the 2012-2013, everything is the exact same that I gave this morning. The Per Capita is \$30,000. The Humanitarian is \$15,000. There is that previous balance of \$69,000 we've rounded it off for our balance for \$65,000. Our proposed Budget is \$110,000. Our Long Term...our proposed Budget for our Expenses is our Long Term Aid \$30,000, Emergency Aid \$15,000, Temporary Aid \$15,000, for a total Benevolent Budget of \$60,000. With a Net Income of \$50,000. These figures have been rechecked again at lunch. The former Chairman, Vice-Chairman and I all keep a spreadsheet and we checked this throughout the year so we have a checks and balances for our Benevolent Aid. So these figures were rechecked again. The only thing we did was that we put the figures that I gave this morning that were not in the actuals. So I believe this report already has a second so I just need to move the adoption as clarified. Are we all okay with that?

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, we have a motion and a second to adopt Report #4 of the Board of Directors as clarified. Is there any discussion? Sister Tonya I suppose you did a good job of clarification.

Sister Tonya Foster: Well if the membership doesn't understand it, they need to know so, I was proud to do that.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: All in favor of the adoption of Report #4 please raise your green card. And all opposed. That motion carries.

I now recognize Sister Tina Stevens, Humanitarian General Chairman for the adoption of the report just presented.

Sister Tina Stevens: Worthy Grand Matron, yes I previously gave the Humanitarian Report prior to the opening of Grand Chapter, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Report of the Humanitarian Chairman. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? That motion carries. Sister Tina, the Worthy Grand Patron and I would like to express to you and the District Chairmen our sincere appreciation for all the hard work and I know that you thought all you had to do was balance a check-book. And you know I've said many times that I haven't done very much this year, I've just tricked a lot of good people into doing good things and know how much we appreciate you and membership of the Subordinate Chapters of Texas – know how much we appreciate you because it is through your generosity, and we are well aware of that, that these fine reports are possible. Thank you. (Applause)

We will continue with the reports of the Board of Directors. Do we have them all off of the table? Okay, and we're caught up. So I recognize Sister Karen Kidd.

Sister Karen Kidd: Report #7

**REPORT NO. 7
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Educational Fund**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Article 152 G(1), page 99 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Educational Funds, for the period from September 1, 2011 through July 1, 2012.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: as of 03/17/2012 was \$33,000.00

The Worthy Grand Matron's committee met on March 16, 2012 to make decisions about the money available. The chairman of that committee will present a complete report to the membership at a later time.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report #7 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please raise your green card. All opposed. That motion carries. Sister Karen before we move on to the

next report I want to tell you that at the Rob Morris Celebration last night we had an auction, if you were not at the Rob Morris Celebration last night, we passed a good time Sisters and Brothers. And we now know how to describe a cow, we know that Sister Cheryl Albrecht has a mechanic that will roll the odometer back on your car for you, and we know that the Worthy Grand Patron checks his watch and nods his head. (Laughter) We had a great time, we had a great auction, we did not have a great number of items in that auction but Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon and her auctioneering skills made it great fun and through that – I think we had six items – we raised \$2,300....we had eight items in that auction and we raised \$2,350 which will be placed in the Educational Fund which will take care of at least two more scholarships off the bubble list. (Applause)

Sister Karen Kidd: Thank you. That is always wonderful news. Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce David Ouellette to present Report #8.

Brother David Ouellette: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers.

REPORT #8

It is with pleasure that I present this report on the Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects. This report outlines how much the Special Committees made from the sales of numerous items this year. As of July 5, 2012, the sales of these projects came to \$112,339.67 less expenses of \$30,596.70 for a total net revenue of \$81,463.54. The final figures will be published in the Proceedings after Grand Chapter. The Board of Directors wishes to congratulate this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on a successful year.

WGM Special Projects Recap
2011-2012

ITEM	DATE	SALES	COST	NET	GENFUND	GF 25%	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE	Final Disbursements	Designation
4090.00 Year Book (2010-2011 Yearbook - Family Album Committee - Gen. Fund	7/5/2012	\$ 31,427.00	\$ 13,290.24	\$ 18,136.76	\$ 18,136.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gen.Fund
4090.01 Calendar	7/5/2012	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 3,745.44	\$ 1,074.56	\$ -	\$ 288.39	\$ -	\$ 805.17	\$ -	Undesignated
4090.02 Single Daisy Pin-Dress Pin - Gen. Fund	7/5/2012	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 2,512.98	\$ 2,537.04	\$ 2,537.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gen.Fund
4090.03 Double Daisy Pin-Dress Pin - Gen. Fund	7/5/2012	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,512.98	\$ 412.04	\$ 412.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gen.Fund
4090.04 Triple Daisy Pin-Dress Pin - Gen. Fund	7/5/2012	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 712.98	\$ 3,687.04	\$ 3,687.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gen.Fund
4090.05 Family Tree Pin	7/5/2012	\$ 3,540.00	\$ 2,032.75	\$ 1,515.25	\$ -	\$ 378.81	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 967.69	\$ (32.31)	Rainbow & Demoly
4090.06 Daisy Pin/Pendant&Earrings	7/5/2012	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 3,195.01	\$ 6,954.99	\$ -	\$ 1,738.75	\$ -	\$ 5,216.24	\$ -	Scottish Ritte Hospital
4090.07 WGM Music-March One	7/5/2012	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.67	\$ 518.33	\$ -	\$ 129.58	\$ -	\$ 388.75	\$ -	Undesignated
4090.08 WGM Music-March Two	7/5/2012	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,958.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Undesignated
4090.09 WGP Music	7/5/2012	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 31.67	\$ 1,308.33	\$ -	\$ 327.08	\$ -	\$ 891.25	\$ -	Undesignated
4090.10 Proficiency Stickers	7/5/2012	\$ 965.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 680.00	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ 510.00	\$ -	Undesignated
4090.11 Rocking Horse Christmas Ornament	7/5/2012	\$ 3,785.00	\$ 1,135.52	\$ 2,648.48	\$ -	\$ 682.12	\$ -	\$ 1,986.36	\$ -	Rob Morris Celebration
4090.12 Sun Catcher	7/5/2012	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 702.88	\$ 1,742.12	\$ -	\$ 435.53	\$ -	\$ 1,306.59	\$ -	TMRC Delightful day
4090.13 Night Light	7/5/2012	\$ 745.00	\$ 1,390.54	\$ (624.54)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	TMRC Delightful day
4090.14 Name Badges	7/5/2012	\$ 1,865.00	\$ -	\$ 1,868.00	\$ 1,868.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gen.Fund
4090.15 Rob Morris Auction/Banquet - Gen. Fund	7/5/2012	\$ 33,486.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Rob Morris Celebration
4090.16 Texas Change for Change/WM's & WP's	7/5/2012	\$ 3,091.79	\$ -	\$ 3,091.79	\$ -	\$ 772.95	\$ -	\$ 2,318.84	\$ -	International Headquarters Renovation
4090.17 Endowed Membership Pin Purchase	7/5/2012	\$ 840.00	\$ -	\$ 840.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ -	Undesignated
4090.18 Cancer Awareness Committee	7/5/2012	\$ 277.73	\$ -	\$ 277.73	\$ -	\$ 69.43	\$ -	\$ 208.30	\$ -	Undesignated
TOTAL		\$ 112,339.67	\$ 30,596.70	\$ 81,463.54	\$ 26,690.88	\$ 5,162.65	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 15,229.19	\$ (32.31)	
4171-Disaster Relief Funds (Bastrop Fires)	9/11-3/12	\$ 382.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 382.62	\$ -	\$ -	TMCF Wildfire Relief
Non-Money Making Expenses										
Sachet Stuffed Animal	5/13/2011		\$ 419.00							
Ritualistic Ribbons	9/23/2011		\$ 168.66							
Ritualistic Ribbons	12/1/2011		\$ 74.00							

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report #8 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? That motion carries. Thank you Brother David.

Brother David Ouellette: It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Elizabeth Wise who will bring Report #9. Thank you.

Sister Elizabeth Wise: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. In compliance with Article 82M, we your Board of Directors present the report on the OES Administration Building for the period from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. At the July 16, 2011 Board of Directors meeting it was voted to purchase and install a new telephone for the OES Administration Building. The installation of this system was completed in September 2011 and has benefitted the office staff in the operations of the office. On February 23, 2012, I joined the Corporate Board to look at property at 1125 W. Abrams St. in Arlington, Texas. The four unit office complex were built in 1982 and have a total of 5,439 square feet. There is one HVAC unit for each unit in the complex. The lot size is approximately ½ acre. The parking space will accommodate 34 vehicles. The appraised value of the property in 2011 was \$325,621. The four unit complex...

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Elizabeth, excuse me please. It sounds to me that you are addressing one of the Amendments that should be addressed later when the Amendment comes to the floor. If you'll fast forward.

Sister Elizabeth Wise: Okay, I sure will. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report #9 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? (someone asked what we were exactly adopting). We're adopting the Report that...

Sister Elizabeth Wise: What I will give is the July 16, 2011 Board of Directors meeting it was voted to purchase and install a new telephone for the OES Administration Building. The installation of this system was completed in September 2011 and has benefitted the office staff in the operations of the office. Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Is there any further discussion? All in favor please raise your green cards. All opposed. That motion carries. Thank you Sister Elizabeth.

Sister Elizabeth Wise: Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Gerry Sturtz who will present Report #10.

Sister Gerry Sturtz: Thank you Sister Elizabeth.

CONTINGENCY REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers All.

It is my pleasure to give the following report on the Contingency Funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Reference Article XI, Section 3d.

As of May 31, 2012, the Contingency Fund had a balance of \$10,000. No funds or expenditures were allocated from this fund.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report #10 of the Board of Directors on the Contingency Fund. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? That motion carries. That being the final report of the Board of Directors, we thank you all. My Parliamentarian tells me that there is still one report that has not been adopted. The report of the Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers you have read the report of the Worthy Grand Matron in the Advanced Proceedings, you have heard the Supplemental Report given this morning. Should you have any questions about that report, I'm here to answer them. I move the adoption of the report of the Worthy Grand...Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside. (Laughter) I move the adoption of the report of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Is there a second?

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Second.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: A motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the Supplemental Report and the report of the Worthy Grand Matron. Is there discussion? Seeing none, all of those that would favor the adoption of this report please signify by raising your green card. Those opposed by the same sign. The motion carries. (One rap)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: I yield the floor to you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi. Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you Sisters and Brothers. I now recognize Sister Elsie Paladino, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

PGM Elsie Paladino: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I am so happy to have this wonderful team of Jurisprudence members who have joined me this year in serving our Worthy Grand Matron. And you will meet them presently as they present the Amendments,

so we will not do that right this minute. I will do the partial report – We your Jurisprudence Committee in compliance with the provision of our Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee recommend the distribution of the matters contained in the Advanced Annual Report, including the Supplement Reports of Grand Chapter, to the appropriate Committees. There is no unfinished business for us to present at this time, but Sisters and Brothers we must maintain a quorum for the transaction of business which is representatives or proxies regularly appointed of 25% of the Subordinate Chapters. We will be bringing reports and presenting the proposed Amendments and Resolutions that you, the membership, submitted to the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee under our 100 day rule as stipulated in the Code of Laws, Chapter 14, Article 170, page 126. Please remember Sisters and Brothers as your Jurisprudence Members, we present these Amendments and Resolutions which are contained in the Advanced Annual Report. These Jurisprudence Members are only reporting to you that such proposed Amendments or Resolutions are in proper order. Our Committee would like to remind you that you are the membership of this governing body of this Grand Chapter and we encourage you to speak and vote your conscience. Worthy Grand Matron, since our membership has had the opportunity to read and study the proposed Amendments and proposed Resolutions I move that the Committee be allowed to present a synopsis of each proposed Amendment and Resolution rather than reading the entire law as it now reads and then proposing the reading, I know that on page 44 where the Resolutions begin, I know that all of you have found those and have read those and understand them and know how you are going to vote on them.

The first Amendment is presented for the second reading but it has Number 2 on it.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Elsie did you make a motion that we allow you to present a synopsis instead of reading the whole thing? Is that a motion?

PGM Elsie Paladino: Yes, but I was going to finish my....

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

PGM Elsie Paladino: Now, where was I ... Worthy Grand Matron since our membership has had the opportunity to read and study the proposed Amendments and proposed Resolutions, I move that the Committee be allowed to present a synopsis of each proposed Amendment and Resolution rather than reading the entire law as it now reads and then propose the reading... I move the adoption of the Supplemental Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay we have a motion and a second to adopt the Supplemental Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? That motion carries.

PGM Elsie Paladino: Brother John Creel will present the first Amendment which is No. 2 so we'll try not to get that confused. And if you want to see how high I can jump, just listen for the loud boom that happens to go off. (Laughter).

PGP John Creel: Amendment No. 2, the second reading. Is due for a second reading and would allow the Grand Chapter office to be moved 40 miles from the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Arlington, Texas. If this passes it will take effect at the close of the 2012 Session. Worthy Grand Matron, this Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment in proper form and is ready to present it to the membership for voting.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, we have a motion and a second to present Resolution...Amendment No. 2 for the second reading. Is there any discussion?

Associate Grand Matron Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Annette Curry, Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684. If I understood this correctly, I thought he said that it would be moved 40 miles away or from. This is just to allow it to be located within the 40 mile limit not that it would be moved 40 miles away. Did I understand that, did I not get that right? Could you just repeat that for us? Brother John, please.

PGP John Creel: Up to 40 miles.

Associate Grand Matron Annette Curry: Thank you. That clarifies it. Thank you very much.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Karen Morgenthaler.

Sister Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. Before I vote against this Resolution but first I'd like to ask you if I go over the three minutes would I be able to have the 2/3's vote of this Grand Chapter to continue with what I have to say?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We'll vote.

Sister Karen Morgenthaler: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers we have a beautiful office in Arlington at the TMRC property. By hearing the numbers that we had this morning about 30,000 members, if you look and deducted 1,700 members we've lost – in ten years we'll be below 5,000 members. The main concern that has been with this membership is the fact that we have not had a museum and that everyone is wanting to have a museum. There is a way to do it at where we are located today without having to move and continue to have the less expense of where we are now than we would be having if we went into a different building. If we take that conference room that is in the office and move it out we can have enough room to begin to put our museum in that area. We can also go into the other part of the offices, maybe perhaps eliminating some of the equipment that we have in there that may not be used, we can move things around and be able to bring in the bigger home furnishings so that when you walk in the door to take care of business, you will be able to see your museum items. Sisters and Brothers, we do not know what November is going to bring us in our economy. Every single one of us is tightening our belts in our own homes. We have to tighten our belt in this Grand Chapter because if we do not, in ten years will we have the money to continue to be a Grand Chapter of Texas? Thank you. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Karen. Is there any other...I recognize

Brother Henry Martin.

PGP Henry Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. And I also speak against this Resolution for several reasons. Sisters and Brothers for more than 100 years our Grand Secretary's office has been located within a few feet of where our Ladies resided. And even considering moving the Grand Secretary's office away from the place that our Ladies are being cared for is for me a serious matter and should not be taken lightly. First of all the Board of Directors and the Superintendent of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center have been the most cooperative people possible since the first day we approached them about taking our Ladies into the TMRC. I personally worked with that Board during the years before and after we moved the Ladies there. I know them personally and I talk to them often and I can tell you that they want to continue to work with us and they are open to any discussion of any needs that we may have. From a purely economic standpoint, buying a building miles away seems like a waste of money. Today we pay a very reasonable rent for the house that is used for the Grand Secretary's office. We paid no rent for several years for that office. We have security provided by the TMRC, no charge. The grounds are maintained without costs and we don't pay property taxes. If we buy a building, in addition to the purchase price you're going to have to renovate it at some cost, it will require money to move everything from the present location, we'll have to pay for some level of security, we'll have to pay property taxes and we'll have to maintain the building for years to come. Next, relocating the Grand Secretary's office to somewhere miles away would in my opinion would be somewhat abandoning our Ladies. For a hundred years we have been located where they have been cared for. That was true at the original Eastern Star Home and since we moved the Ladies to the TMRC, the Grand Secretary's office has been there. That means we have Eastern Star people readily available to the Ladies if anything happens. Secondly as people visit the Grand Secretary's office for supplies, meetings or whatever it's convenient to visit the Ladies, have parties for them and so forth than if that office were located miles away. In short moving the office will in my opinion cause our Ladies to become more isolated, the visits to them would become few and far between and paying the bills would be very likely be the only thing that we do for those Ladies. Therefore...

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Brother Henry that's three minutes.

PGP Henry Martin: I respectfully ask this membership to vote against the Resolution that we would spend money that we don't have and would move us away from the Ladies that we are promised and obligated to care for. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Alma Carter: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Alma Carter.

Sister Alma Carter: I have been, Worthy Grand Matron, I have been Grand Secretary. I have never been treated better than I have been treated by the officials in the Masonic Retirement Home. I've been there one year in one of the new apartments. I told them that when I moved there that I would be registering for General Grand Chapter. I offered to get a Post Office Box so all the mail would come there and the girls wouldn't have to put it in my box in the Home. They told me I was not going...the Superintendent told me that I was not going to

drag around dirty mail boxes... mail sacks and that they would come there. So they have given me, not only do I do all the registering in my apartment but they have given me a room where I can put all the stuff that is completed and where we can pack things. And they are so appreciative of us just being there. They are just bending over backwards for us. So I don't think that we could be treated in a separate office like we've been treated here and I really appreciate what they have done for us and for me personally since I've been on Registration. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Alma. (Applause)

Sister Barbara Cunningham: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Barbara Cunningham.

Sister Barbara Cunningham: I'm Barbara Cunningham Grimes, Past Matron of Wolfe City #1129. When we moved our Ladies to the TMRC I felt like we were moving them to another part of our Family and to have the office moved away, I agree with Brother Henry that we need to keep our office close to our Ladies. And I just respectfully request that we do not do this. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Is there any other discussion? Hearing no other discussion, we will proceed to vote. All those in favor of passing Amendment No. 2 for the second reading please raise your green card. Those opposed. Motion is defeated. (One rap) (Applause) We need the vote of the Chapter representatives. All in favor of passing Amendment No. 2 please raise your gold cards. Those opposed. The motion is defeated.

PGP John Creel: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Bess Caldwell for the second.

PGM Bess Caldwell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all. The Constitution Amendment for the first reading in 2012. The Synopsis on the first reading of the Constitutional Amendment of the Board of Directors concerning the number of members of the said Board. The Amendment would change the number of Board members from ten down to five. This would allow one member from each District to be elected for a term of three years with the opportunity if desired to serve for a total of six. If you will look on page 35 and 36 you can read this in its entirety.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: 35 and 36?

PGM Bess Caldwell: 35 and 36. 48 and 49...mine said 35 and 36, sorry.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, It's in order?

PGM Bess Caldwell: Yes, it is in proper order Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: It is in proper order for consideration for Constitutional Amendment for the first reading. Is there any discussion?

Sister Karen Kidd: Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Karen Kidd.

Sister Karen Kidd: I am Karen Kidd, Past Matron of Friendship #1008, Odessa #447 and Cora Posey #1072, now Affiliated with, and in line again, at Abilene #30. I am speaking against lowering the number of members on the Board. I have been a member of the Board of Directors for five years. Five years ago I did not know that I was going to be ill. During the year of intensive treatments, I had to miss several meetings but my partner from District 2 made the meetings and kept me informed. If there had only been five members on the Board, District 2 would have been without representation. The following years there were other members that had serious illnesses. District 4 and 5 would have been without representation. At times, there might have only been two or three at the meetings. If there had only been five on the Board. According to the Constitution and the Code of Laws, we as the Board of Directors are to oversee the financial affairs of Grand Chapter. With ten members on the Board, we come from different backgrounds of expertise and are better able to discuss and make educated decisions on the concerns of Grand Chapter. Each year the Worthy Grand Matron of that year has asked the Board Members to speak at the Schools of Instruction. Even though I have been in remission for three years and have made most of those meetings, in the fall during District 2 Schools, I'm usually not able to travel due to maintenance treatments. Again, I have had to depend on my partner in District 2 to get the Worthy Grand Matron's message to the membership at the schools. We the Board of Directors receive no money and no expense accounts as the Grand Line Officers do. All our time and work that we do is free to Grand Chapter. If we had expenses paid, that would be a good reason to cut the Budget which we need to do, but we do not receive any monies from Grand Chapter. Our dedicated service to the Order is essential to the operation of Grand Chapter. I hope you will consider voting against this Amendment to lower the number of members to the Board of Directors. Thank you Worthy Matron....Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Karen. I recognize Sister Mickie Campbell.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Mickie Campbell, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I am not in favor of changing the Board Members or changing the years of service. Texas is such a small....Texas is such a large state (Laughter) we are not a small state. We cannot be properly represented with one Board Member from each District. Many hours go into the preparation of the monthly Board meetings and Grand Chapter. There is work to be done Sisters and Brothers. We have very dedicated members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Like Karen said they receive no monetary compensation, no gas allowance, no lodging. They knew this when they were presenting themselves to you for this office but had the desire to serve this Grand Chapter. I urge you to vote no on this Constitutional Amendment. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Mickie. (Applause) Is there further discussion? I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is David Dibrell. I'm a Past Patron of Dal Cliff Chapter #574. And I am one of the authors of this Amendment. This Amendment is in no way is intended to be a criticism of any service of

any Board Member because those that have served on the Board for many years have been very faithful and prudent in their judgment. Originally we had two Boards. We had one Board for Grand Chapter Benevolence and we had one Board of Trustees. When we moved the Ladies and sold the Home we put those two Boards together and formed a ten member Board. It was my belief at the time we did that, that eventually we would reduce the size of that combined Board to five. Five is quite an adequate number of people, ten is unwieldy and is often inefficient. I would also suggest that Boards could be more effective if they would utilize electronics and utilize teleconferencing and not always have to drive to Arlington for the meetings. But that's a different issue. The issue is: can five people adequately govern the Benevolence that we have to deal with plus handle the financial affairs that they do? It is my belief and it is the belief of several that I have discussed the item with, that five members are quite adequate. Now the question of term, our current Law allows members to serve one five year term. That may be a detriment for qualified people to want to run for the Board. So the other item of this Amendment is to reduce the term to three years but allow the member to run again if they would like, if they're able to. This way we can get more qualified people if they are successful and can work with the Board that's there then they can run for another term and serve a total of six. I believe that this is a move forward and it will help our Board operate more efficiently. I urge you to vote for this Amendment. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Is there any further discussion?

Sister Darla Dunaway: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Darla Dunaway.

Sister Darla Dunaway: I'm Darla Dunaway, Past Matron of Mansfield #876 now Affiliated with Everman #624. Brother David brought up a very good point. We used to have a Board of Grand Benevolences and a Board of Grand Trustees. Each Board had various assignments to take care of. The Boards were melded into one Board which is now your Board of Directors. However, upon the melding of these Boards the assignments and responsibilities was not reduced. In recent times we have found that we have issues with our Oil and Gas Leases, we are asked to sign leases that we do not have proper documentation to be able to prove why the Grand Chapter of Texas should own it. Is it in the name of the Grand Chapter of Texas or is it still in a Home name that does no longer exist? There are many, many, many jobs that need to be performed. I do believe that these things can be done better by a Board of ten, with each member having one or two specifications to their specialties instead of trying to pile this all on a Board of five. I ask the membership to consider remaining with the Board of ten for the Board of Directors for the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Darla. Is there further discussion? I recognize Sister Alma Bane.

RWGS Alma Bane: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alma Bane a Past Matron of Stephenville Chapter #801 and Affiliated Past Matron of McLennan Chapter #639. I wish to speak for this Resolution. I too remember when there were only five members who handled the business of our Grand Chapter. And five very capable members who handled our Benevolent work. I

also know that in our Constitution and Laws, we have Committees who have been appointed by Worthy Grand Matrons to do their duties. An Education Committee, an Endowed Membership Committee, Purposes and Policies Committee, many times these Committee members are not used because someone else is taking care of that business. It is the hope that by reducing the number of members on the Board that the tasks may be done that they need to do more efficiently and to allow the other Committees to perform their duties as our Law allows. I speak in favor of this. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Alma. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none we will proceed to vote. Those in favor of passing Constitutional Amendment for the first reading in 2012 regarding the Board of Directors, please raise your green card. Those opposed. Your cards down please. I would ask those in favor of passing this Amendment to please stand and raise your green card. Thank you. Those who are opposed. Thank you. I don't know Sisters and Brothers, I know that it is too close for me to call. And I know your thinking, if you can't who can? If you would like to do a paper ballot, I need a motion. (Someone from the audience yells out "So Moved" and someone else "Second it") That won't work.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Tonya Foster.

Sister Tonya Foster: I'm Tonya Foster Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and I move that we have a paper ballot on this issue.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second the motion

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay we have a motion and a second that we decide this Amendment on a paper ballot, all those in favor. Any opposed? Okay, we will proceed with a paper ballot. Okay, we will proceed to vote on Ballot F. F like in Frank. If the Arrangements Committee will...they're on they're way...here they come, they're on the ball. There are table judges and tellers who have been previously appointed by mail, if you would go to those tables at this time. Sister Naomi Wolfe, will you please go to table No. 1 along with Buddy Baker. I think we need four tables. I think four tables will be sufficient. Table No. 2, Sister Joyce Gilbert and Brother Jack Guy. Table No. 3 Brother Lee Stallings and Sister Rosemary Berry. Table 4 Sister Betty Benham and Brother Bill Wyatt. I have not opened the ballot yet. 1, 2, 3, 4 (Pointing to the tables) We only need four. I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, I'd kind of like to ask a question if I may that fits with this particular Amendment and that is back at the time we were doing a lot of this there was discussion about making one Board but with seven people, five with five year terms and two at large. If I went to put an Amendment together is that acceptable at this time according to the Parliamentarian or is it totally out of order?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Brother Richard I think it's too late to amend it.

PGP Richard Ochs: Okay, thank you. There's a lot of indecision with our members is why I

was asking and I think it's going to be challenge to be really acceptable all the way around. And I was just looking for an alternative. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Richard. Table No. 1...are you moving...If you are in this room and you received a postcard inviting you to serve as a teller on Saturday morning, would you come to one of the tables.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: How many do you want at each table, darling to...there's so many that are coming, do you want a set number? Or how do you want to handle that Worthy Grand Matron?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Six on a table.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Six on a table, thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Will all of you Deputy Grand Matrons be ready to collect ballots? Brother Mark Dieckmann, do these ballots need to be done with a pencil or does it matter? It does not matter. I'm going to ask my Arrangements Committee to do one more thing, I've asked so many things of you. I'm going to ask the Arrangements Committee to stand by to help the Deputies collect the ballots, please. I have not declared the ballot open so stay right there. Sister Naomi are you set for table 1? How about table 2? Sister Joyce Gilbert, okay? Brother Lee? Sister Betty, you're alright? That's okay. I now declare the ballot open. On ballot F like Frank. Like Faith, Family, Friends. (Laughter) (One rap) I appoint these three District Deputies to collect the ballots from the Assisting Sentinels and that's the only people that can ballot are Assisting Sentinels. The only ones that can ballot from the outside.

Brother Burly Jones: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Burley Jones.

Brother Burly Jones: We haven't sealed the doors or anything Worthy Grand Matron. Correct?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you. Sister Jane Hudson and Sister Sharon Fentress will you explain to the Registration and Credentials Committee and the First Aid Committee that they need to put a note on their door...or you tell them that there is a paper ballot on the floor of Grand Chapter if they wish to come and ballot. Sisters and Brothers, I thank you for your patience but I think maybe you'll thank us when the vote is taken and the dust settles. I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht in the North.

Sister Cheryl Albrecht: (Could not hear)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: No, we're not picking up ballots yet...I guess we are, what do I know?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers if you will listen to me for just one moment. This has been a little confusing for the last 15 minutes. Your Worthy Grand Matron has got forty things going on at one time. And we apologize for that, but you know, sometimes when you say paper ballots you go “Wooooo”. We were ready for your paper ballots because you have your for and against. We have your tally sheets, we’re ready but, we also have members that have the same rights as you do and we have put them in a position of Credentials, Registration and First Aid. The Worthy Grand Matron was informed while all of this was going on, those people are not in here as of yet. With your permission, we are going to close registration for just about 15 minutes, just long enough for them to come in all at one time and stand in the back and be told what we are doing. We’re either for or against this Amendment. Then they will be excused whenever they deposit their ballot. If you will allow this to happen with the permission of your Worthy Grand Matron we will allow those people to also vote so they will have the same privileges as you do, but at least an informed – informed – information of what they’re voting for or against. Is that alright with you? (Yes, applause) Worthy Grand Matron, I think you have green cards coming up. I believe your membership says it’s okay so if you will stand right where you’re at with those ballots in your hand, we know you are not going to leave. They’re going to stand right there. And we’re gonna let those people come in the back and you will proceed to collections. Is that alright with the membership? Please hold your green cards up. Worthy Grand Matron they’re going to do that for you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Sister Jimmie Lee. I’m back here honey.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: What darling?

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Sister Jimmie Lee it has been brought to our attention that some of the ballots have two on them, some have one on them. This is just one ballot....

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: It doesn’t matter what you have in the corner, you are one individual. This is your one vote. You’re not voting for candidates or anything else, that’s a different ball game. We are either for or against and this is what is in your heart. One vote per person and that’s all we’re going to count, one time.

Can we have a member of the Arrangements Committee in the back?

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Do you want the fun song now? Now would be a good time. We need a microphone at the piano.

Sister Lesa Smith: Okay we’re going to sing a fun song to get you motivated to get you to vote the correct way, whichever is in your heart. We’re going to sing “Do Lord oh Do Lord”. You know the words. The choir is going to sing “Do Lord oh Do Lord oh Do you remember me?” and the Assembly’s responsibility is to say “Duh, duh, duh” – Got it? (Laughter) and if you don’t want to do the “Duh, duh, duh” part, join the choir in the song.

(“Do Lord song”)

Sister Jane Hudson: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Jane Hudson.

Sister Jane Hudson: Worthy Grand Matron, your instructions have been obeyed. The Credentials, Registration and First Aid are in the Grand Chapter room.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Lock the door! (Laughter)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to ballot on the Constitutional Amendment for the First Reading and you will allow no one to enter or leave the Chapter Room while we are thus engaged.

Grand Sentinel: Assisting Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, you will secure the doors to the Grand Chapter. Allow no one to enter or leave until the ballot is declared closed and report. Report when the doors are sealed.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Grand Sentinel, they are still going in and out in the back, in the West. Registration Committee, and Credentials Committee and First Aid Committee, we have a paper ballot on the floor on the Constitutional Amendment for the First Reading with regard to the Board of Directors. We are balloting on ballot F as in Faith, Family and Friends. You will cast your ballot for or against this Amendment and the ballot is declared open. Has everyone balloted? No? Have you marked them? (Yes) Okay, my Deputies and my Arrangements Committee will now collect the ballots. I realize that these rows are close together and so it is permissible for these collectors to pass it just like they do on Sunday morning. If you feel the urge to put a hundred dollar bill in with your ballot, please feel free to do so. (Laughter) Sister Alma Lynn Bane. We're just going to deposit the ballots on the tables but wait until they're all collected. Don't dump them yet. And we have Assistant Warders way up high.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sister Alma Lynn we would like for you to be the monitor and observer of the adding tables please.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Have all of the ballots been collected? Does anyone still have their ballot in their hand? Okay, would you please take the ballots to each table. I declare the ballot closed. I would like to thank the Registration, Credentials and First Aid Committee for dropping what you were doing to come and help us. And at this time the Registration, Credentials and First Aid Committee may return to your duty station. We're going to continue with our reports. Okay, I call on Brother Ben Day for the report of the By-Laws Committee. Brother Ben.

Brother Ben Day: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committees, Members, Distinguished Visitors, my Sisters and Brothers all. I'm giving the By-Laws Committee report. And I submit the following report for the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter year: Total of By-Law amendments submitted – 47, Total rejected – 5, Total approved – 42 (of those 42, 13 were resubmissions)

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to approve the adoption of the By-Laws report. Is there any discussion?

Brother Ben Day: Better not be... (Laughter)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: All those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed. That report is adopted. Thank you Brother Ben Day. I call on Sister Emily Biddler for the report of the Educational Committee, the Education Committee.

Sister Emily Biddler: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all. I'm Emily Biddler, Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee and I also have one of my other members here with me, Shirley Scholl. Ginger Byrd and Owen Louise Roades were also members of the Committee.

Educational Fund Committee 2012 Grand Chapter Report

All of the members of the committee met on Friday, March 16, 2012 at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. The application deadline for the scholarships was March 1. The Grand Secretary's office stamped the dates the applications were postmarked and received in the office and assigned a number to each applicant. Using the list provided by the Grand Secretary's office caused some confusion as return addresses included nicknames, temporary addresses, or parent's names. When the envelopes were opened by the committee, it was discovered that the actual full name of the applicant and permanent address were not the same as the return label on some of the applications. Our recommendation for future applications is to include in the instructions that they use a return name and address which is the same as on the application in order not to cause confusion. Perhaps another solution would be to allow the office to open the envelope and record the full name and permanent address as listed on the application. This would also allow incorrect applications from sitting until the committee meets. Several were actually ESTARL applicants, but had been sent to the Educational Committee. There seemed to be confusion among students for which application they were to use. The committee suggests that the chapters be notified several months in advance about the requirements and deadline for the scholarships. Even the committee was unaware of specifics since all of the information is only provided on the Grand Chapter website. It would also help if there was information passed down to the committee chairman for the next year, so that at least she could get her committee members notified of the details so they could pass it along in their districts. Another recommendation of the committee is that the forms be changed. There needs to be a different form for high school seniors from those that have already attended college. The other thing is that the students have no idea which educational scholarship for which to apply. The different names listed mean nothing to them, and the Grand Secretary determines from which fund the check is written. Our suggestion is that the names of the scholarships be removed from the applications and that they all require Masonic affiliation in order to apply. The committee was informed by the Grand Treasurer that \$33,000 was available for scholarships. We decided to award \$1,000 scholarships to the 33 applicants who had the highest scores after their applications were judged. We then had a bubble list of the next group if any addition-

al funds became available. I notified each of the recipients, and those on the bubble list, along with those who were determined to be ineligible. One of the original recipients notified me that she was not attending college, so the first student on the bubble list was notified along with the second, since additional money became available. There was some discrepancy in scoring, after double checking the sheets from the list compiled at the meeting. All of the corrections were made and attached is the list of the final recipients with full names and permanent addresses. All of the members enjoyed serving on the committee and gained insight into the youth of today and their ambitions for the future.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Jade Britney Bohannan	1009 Lands End Cove, Hewitt 76643
Mason Burdick	P.O. Box 502, Hamshire 77622
Matthew Stone	3604 CR 2526, Royce City 75189
Natasha Fogarty	14102 Ragus Lake Drive, Sugarland 77498
Michaela Vivda	P.O. Box 216, Cleveland 77328
Sterling Hall	2138 Ranch Road 864, Sonora 76950
Letitia Robinson	2245 Fort Worth Hwy., Weatherford 76086
Victoria Robertson	2622 Village Court, Katy 77493
Taylor Crouch	1119 Hillridge Drive, Round Rock 78665
Christopher Dettling	6841 Mt. Vernon Road, Burton 77835
Kelsey Carpenter	2010 S. 11th Street, Apt. 136, Waco 76706
Nicholas Norton	12327 FM 993, Pittsburg 75686
Victoria Wilcoxson	716 Stanford, Corsicana 75110
Katlin McQueen	P.O. Box 621, Silverton 79257
Katie Sampson	502 Clearview Ct., Lorena 76655
Meagan K. Ross	909 W. 12th, P.O. Box 752, San Angelo 76945
Katherine Coleman	3921 Fossil Rock, San Antonio 78261
Katherine Rollins	P.O. Box 296, Liberty Hill 78642
William Cody LaComb	7327 CR 120, Marble Falls 78654
Emily Talley	4801 N. Bentwood Dr., San Angelo 76904
Cody John-Thomas Lyons	114 Fairmount Dr., Wylie 75098
Maria Schoppa	409 East Williams, Saint Jo 76265
Kelsey Ann Brawner	8905 Cranston Ct., Aubrey 76227
Alan Robinson	2245 Fort Worth Hwy., Weatherford 76086
Reagan Barr	6012 Altomonte Dr. #421, Ft. Worth 76132
Samantha Meyer	806 Krause Road, Pipe Creek 78063
Alliston Straach	3005 Sotuh Park Drive, Coleman 76834
Zackary Powell	109 W. Harrison, Jefferson 75657
Charles Harrell	P.O. Box 1848, Silsbee 77656
Kelsie Basso	2608 N. Main St. B-276, Belton 76513
Kayla Rohrbach	P.O. Box 381, Bandera 78003
Breanne Miller	3413 Werner Avenue, Austin 78722
Nathaniel Todd Day	7916 Clark St., North Richland Hills 76180
Tiffany Ewart	19148 Timberland Blvd., Porter 77365

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you. We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Education Committee, is there any discussion? Hearing none we will proceed to vote. All those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? The report is adopted. Thank you Sister Emily and your Committee and we are so proud of the number of scholarships that the Grand Chapter was privileged to present this year. We thank you.

Sister Emily Biddler: And one of our recipients was actually here earlier but I think I saw her leave, but she contacted me beforehand to let me know that she was going to be here. So I thought that was exciting.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Okay, I call on Brother Nelson Campbell for the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Brother Nelson Campbell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

The Purposes and Policies Committee appointed for the Grand Chapter year of 2011-2012 consists of Joyce Gilbert, Betty Benham, Elise Hammack, Doris Hester, and Nelson Campbell, Chairman. The Committee also includes the Corporate Board and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

On November 18, 2011 this Committee consisting of 3 of the 5 Appointees, the Corporate Board, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors met to hear proposed Programs for the Grand Chapter year of 2012-2013. They were as follows:

Humanitarian Program entitled TRUNK which includes:

- The General Fund
- Benevolent Aid
- ESTARL
- Youth
- Educational Fund

COMMITTEES REQUIRING FUNDING:

- Calendar Committee
- Cancer Awareness Committee
- Endowed Membership Committee
- Endowed Membership Pin Committee
- Music Committee
- Proficiency Committee
- Time and Talent Committee
- Yearbook Committee

COMMITTEES NOT REQUIRING FUNDING

- Bulletin Committee
- Historical Highlights Committee
- Masonic Relations Committee

Ritualistic Competition Committee
Rob Morris Celebration Committee
Shining Stars Committee

Much thought went into these plans. The Purposes and Policies Committee approved all of the plans and we now present them to you, our membership for your approval.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Is there any discussion? We will proceed to vote. All those in favor please raise your green card. Those opposed? The report of the Purposes and Policies Committee is adopted. Thank you Brother Nelson, Sister Elise, Sister Doris, all of you who served on this Committee.

I call on Sister Betty Scott, Chairman of the Endowment Committee for your report.

Sister Betty Scott: Will the District Chairman please join me at the podium? Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. The Report of the O.E.S. Endowment Fund Committee

Report of the O.E.S. Endowment Fund Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters, Brothers and friends:

Would the District Chairmen please join me at the podium for this report?

The District Chairmen of the O.E.S. Endowment Fund are:

Mrs. Ann Blanton - District One
Mrs. Susie Rogers - District Two
Mrs. Melissa Roberts - District Three
Mrs. Jane Wert - District Four
Mrs. Robyn McGarr - District Five

During this Grand Chapter year, the members of the O.E.S. Endowment Committee have strived to challenge the members of our Order to commit to helping the Endowment Fund grow through charitable giving.

Although the Code of Laws clearly defines the O.E.S. Endowment Fund and how it may be used, letters clarifying the purposes, uses and needs were sent to many chapters. Several of the District Chairmen visited chapters and promoted giving to this fund. These activities generated only a few memorial gifts.

With the Worthy Grand Matron's approval, a brochure was created using information about

the O.E.S. Endowment Fund as outlined in our Code of Laws and giving basic facts of charitable giving. Our Grand Secretary was also receptive to this project and has reproduced copies of this brochure for distribution to our membership throughout the state. Copies of this brochure can be found on display at this Grand Chapter Session.

Membership, I challenge each of you to make provisions for the O.E.S. Endowment Fund when you prepare your estate planning. Leave a legacy of your love for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Then, notify our Grand Secretary of your provisions.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the O.E.S. Endowment Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of adoption of this report raise your green cards. Any opposed? The report is adopted. Thank you Sister Betty, I know you put many hours in for the development of the new brochure and know that we appreciate all your hard work. Thank you. (Applause)

I call on Brother Jack Guy for the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee.

Brother Jack Guy: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is my pleasure to report – I have no report. We had no grievance and appeals and that makes my heart glad. I move for the adoption of this report. (Laughter)

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I thought you said “my report is I have no report but you move the adoption of the report”. (Laughter) Okay, we have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your green card. Any opposed? Your report is adopted Brother Jack and thank you for all your hard work. (Laughter)

I call on Sister Jody Wilson for the report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee.

Sister Jody Wilson: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

The research documents from the Board of Directors Liaison, Sister Gerry Sturtz, was turned over to us at the beginning of this Grand Chapter year. We find that there are 96 Asset accounts that are flagged as “Closed - Pending Board Approval.” Many of these are flagged with dates going back as far as 2006. After reviewing old board minutes, we find that none of those were ever voted to be closed by the previous Boards of Directors. Our recommendation is that these be closed as soon as possible.

We find that there are 71 Assets that need more investigation. We will pass that list along to the 2012-2013 Committee Chairman. We suggest that the Committee get a printout by

District from the Grand Secretary and the committee member from that District do the investigation.

Respectfully submitted Jody Wilson, Past Matron Oak Forest #1080. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed. Your report is adopted Sister Jody and we thank you for your service to this Grand Chapter and I want to thank Sister Gerry Sturtz, the Titles, Deeds and Properties liaison on the Board of Directors for all of her diligent work on this Committee too. She's not on the Committee but she did a lot of work. Thank you. I recognize Brother Jerry Martin for the report of the Texas Cardinals Incorporated.

Brother Jerry Martin:

TEXAS CARDINALS REPORT FOR 2012

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Distinguished East, and my very, very special Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Board of the Texas Cardinals, I want to thank you for the privilege and pleasure of being allowed to present this report. Also, I would like to commend you and the Worthy Grand Patron for your dedication and service to this Grand Chapter during your term of office. Your efforts and actions during this past year have demonstrated the love and affection you have for this beautiful Order and our Grand Chapter.

For the first time as Chairman of the Texas Cardinals, Inc., I am standing before you and not reporting how much merchandise we sold this year, because we didn't have anything to sell other than a few Who's Who books left over from Tulsa. All of you out there in the audience, and thousands of others not here today, made it possible for us to stop selling merchandise a year ago at our Texas Cardinals Garage sale where you cleaned us out of merchandise. Ever since we were incorporated sixteen years ago, your generosity, spurred by your love for Sister Rennie, has never stopped pouring in with each product we asked you to buy, and because of that generosity, she has been able to pay for all those customary things that a member of the General Grand Chapter Line must do and is now starting to pay for General Grand Chapter expenses. On behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Board of the Texas Cardinals and the members of our various committees and other positions, we wholeheartedly thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You have helped Sister Rennie make her dream come true.

As prescribed by law, the Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Incorporated was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on January 14, 2012 at the Arabia Shrine Center, 10510 Harwin Street,

Houston, Texas. The room was filled with members and visitors, and we were pleased to have the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Organist, several Executive Committee members and General Grand Chapter Committee members, as well as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and many of the Grand Chapter of Texas Installed Grand Officers, Committee Members, and Grand Representatives present. The necessary business of the Texas Cardinals, Incorporated was conducted, and the actions approved by the members, including a report of the audit of our financial transactions, which was free of any exceptions. Minutes of the meeting will be available for review and approval at the next annual meeting to be held in January of next year.

Our hearts were made sad by the passing of Sister Eva Hicks, who was one of the very first sustaining members of the Texas Cardinals, and was the Secretary/Treasurer for many, many years. Sister Eva took care of the funds of the Texas Cardinals as if they were her own, and will be remembered and missed by all the members of the Texas Cardinals, Inc., as well as the members of this Grand Chapter. We also mourn the loss of our Past Grand Patron Billy Combest who was our District 1 Membership Committee person. Billy was an outstanding Mason who was well respected by the members of our Masonic Lodges, York Rite bodies, and our Eastern Star family. Our hearts go out to brother Robert Hicks and Sister Freda Combest for the loss of their loved ones.

The financial position of the Texas Cardinals continues to be strong. Even after the expenses for the installation in Tulsa, we started the new year with a balance of \$300,432, and as of July 23, 2012 we have \$241,835 in Texas Cardinal Funds available for disbursement of additional expenses. Expenses yet to be paid for the Convention Center, Registration Expenses, Transportation, Assembly Program, and some other expenses will be reimbursed up to a certain amount and I am pretty certain that with a good turnout of our members from all over the world, the Texas Cardinals will recoup the major portion of all our Triennial Assembly expenses. Until we know exactly how many members will register and buy bus passes, meal tickets, etc., it is hard to predict with certainty. However, registration activity is rapidly picking up, so I would say things are looking very positive for a good crowd in Fort Worth in November. We certainly hope to see each and every one of you there, and if you aren't careful, Henry Martin will put you to work.

I always like to recognize two individuals who have given of their time and talent in the annual audit of our books and the preparation of the federal tax return. Mary Ruth White, who is now our Secretary/Treasurer is an IRS Enrolled Agent and she prepares our federal income tax return each year. Her husband, Joe White performs our annual audit. They both donate their services which saves the Texas Cardinals a significant amount of money each year. Please join me in thanking them for their continuing contribution to the Texas Cardinals, Inc.

It is now my pleasure to introduce the members of the Texas Cardinal Board. I am Jerry Martin, Chairman, our Past Grand Matron Rosemary Swetland Berry is Vice-Chairman, Mary Ruth White is Secretary/Treasurer, Past Grand Patron Henry Martin, member and Executive Committee Chairman, and Past Grand Patron H. Lee Stallings, member and President of the Finance Committee. Our Ex-Officio member and the reason for the existence of the Corporation is our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie Ofton.

Our Executive Committee Co-Chairman is Past Grand Patron Kenneth Gregory, and the Secretary to the Executive Committee is Janice Herridge.

Our Liaison Officers are: District 1, Phyllis Macon; District 2, Alma York; District 3, Kaye Swain; District 4, Georgia Campbell; District 5, Jean Thomas.

The Membership and Information Committee members are: District 1, vacant; District 2, Past Grand Matron Betty Benham; District 3, Past Grand Patron Buddy Baker; District 4, Patricia Stallings; District 5, Past Grand Matron Doris Hester.

Our Merchandise Chairman is Sharon Mosmeyer, the Membership Secretary is Janell Trees, and the Secretary to the Chairman is Sharon Mosmeyer.

These are the elected and appointed officers of the Texas Cardinals, Inc.; however, as I said earlier, the financial goals of this organization could never have been realized without each of you out there and the many other Eastern Star members who could not be with us today. You have supported every fund raising item we have put before you, and always with a smile and a realization that you wanted to make sure Sister Rennie had a General Grand Chapter Session that was truly as big as Texas. All of the Texas Cardinals Board and support staff thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are truly amazed and humbled by your generosity.

Sisters and Brothers, I thank you for your time and your attentive ear, but most of all, I thank you for all you do day in and day out in the support of your local Chapters and for the good of our Order. You are the reason we have a Grand Chapter of Texas, and the Texas Cardinals. Without you, we could not be here today. God bless you all!

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for the privilege of presenting this report and I move for the adoption of it.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Second

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of Texas Cardinals Incorporated. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your green card. All those opposed. The Report is adopted. Thank you, Brother Jerry and all the Texas Cardinals. At this time I will release the Tellers and the Table Judges as you have performed your duties admirably and we have the results of the paper ballot for the adoption of...let me find where I am...Constitutional Amendment for the First Reading. Ballots cast for are 346, ballots against are 605. So that Amendment is defeated. (One rap) (Applause) We need a motion to destroy the ballots or to hold it til the end of the Session. Is that right? No? A motion to destroy the ballots? I need a motion to destroy the ballots at the end of this Session. I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron I move that we destroy this ballot at the end of this Session. (Could not hear who seconded)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: We have a motion and a second that this ballot we've just taken be destroyed at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. Is there any discussion? All

those in favor raise your green card. All opposed. Motion carries. We are ready to continue with the Jurisprudence Committee Report. Sisters and Brothers we need a quorum in this Grand Chapter Room to continue with business.

PGM Bess Caldwell: Worthy Grand Matron I am pleased to introduce Sister Joyce Nicklas who will present the next Amendment.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Joyce Nicklas.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Code of Laws

Division IV Chapter 4,E, Article 70 Salary, Page 69

Sisters and Brothers,

You have read this on page 50 and 51 of the Advance Reports.

This would be a \$1,600 a year increase in salary for the Grand Secretary. A 5.8% raise.

It is in proper form Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Joyce, inasmuch as I'm not sure we still have a quorum in this Grand Chapter Room, I think we need to postpone the reading of this Amendment and action on this Amendment.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Okey doke. (Laughter)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: I don't know. I think I've run out of reports. Is Sister Nell Casparis here with the Museum report. Is it available? Okay, inasmuch as it's a little before five and some of us have Banquets at 5:30 we'll proceed to close this Session and resume first thing tomorrow morning. Sister Grand Warder.

Sister Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Friday Afternoon *Friends – The Essentials of Our Lives* Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Ritualistic Closing)

**130th Session Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
“Faith – The Blessing of Our Lives Session”
Friday Evening Session, ESTARL and MEMORIAL Programs
July 27, 2012,
Ford Park Event Center
Beaumont, Texas**

7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Tricia Henderson
Crescent Chapter #820**

7:30 p.m. Call to Order

**Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron**

**Mr. Bill Wyatt
Past Grand Patron**

ESTARL PROGRAM

PGM Bess Caldwell: Good Evening my Sisters and Brothers. I am extremely honored by the kindness and generosity of our Worthy Grand Matron to have the privilege to call to Order this *Faith - The Blessings of Our Lives* of this Grand Chapter of Texas with my Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron of District 1, my special friend and Lone Star Gentleman. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Vi, our friendship goes back many years. We have travelled together, as well, we have roomed together, stayed in each other's homes, we have many fond memories. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David, our friendship goes back to the Rainbow Days. I have found you to be a dedicated and you have the love of the Order of the Eastern Star which in turn has made you a great Worthy Grand Patron that is loved by the membership. Brother Bill, I know you want to greet these two.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Thank you Past Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell. It is a privilege and a pleasure to share this Grand East with you - my Worthy Grand Matron who I served Grand Chapter in 2009-2010. We definitely had a Texas year when we stood tall and Texas proud for our membership. Sister Vi, your friendship over the years has been, for many years, and Brother Tommy, me and Ann appreciate the friendship. You opened your home up to me so many times. I thank you so much. Brother David, our friendship goes back in the Masonic years. For several years we served together in different planning teams and I served on your planning team when you was Grand Master. And your friendship has been an honor for years. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. Sister Vi and Brother David, thank you for this honor tonight to be part of your Grand Chapter and open this Friday Evening Session. We, the membership, thank you for your leadership and accomplishments this year. You have served our Grand Chapter well and we applaud you as you continue this Grand Chapter Session. I wish for you a rewarding and successful year.

PGM Bess Caldwell: Again Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor of opening your

Friday Night Session. With much love I extend to you, your gavel.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you, Sister Bess and Brother Bill. We appreciate your opening this *Faith – The Blessings of Our Lives* Session this evening. You have always been supportive and we are grateful for your friendship and I love you. Worthy Grand Patron I know you want to thank them.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you Sister Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron for calling this Session to order with your own Past Grand Patron Bill Wyatt. We feel the love and friendship around Texas by having you two calling this Session to order. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Betty Benham will voice our invocation this evening. (Three raps)

PGM Betty Benham: Our kind and gracious Heavenly Father, we come to thy throne of grace thanking you for the beautiful day, for the blessed memories and hearts of love. We come to you this evening, and as we come to thee, we give thee honor and we give praise to those who study and do thy work. We will also give praise to you for those and the loved ones who have been with us. Guide and direct us, bless this Session, and bless each and every one. In Jesus Holy Name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: (One rap) Sisters and Brothers, we are ready to begin our ESTARL service. Our dedicated honorees for the evening are our scholarship recipients. Now is the time that we can really see the fruits of our labors as we honor the commandment to “go and teach”. All of us are not blessed with the teaching and musical talents of our recipients, but we are honoring the command by providing some financial assistance to those who God was called to serve His people in these capacities. It gives us a warm feeling to know that we will have had a small part in helping these deserving students achieve their goals. The letters ESTARL mean Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership and how grateful we are to have a part in this tremendous service of love to our fellowman. It is with great pleasure that I present Sister Linda Christensen, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee who will present our service and awards.

Sister Linda Christensen: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Good Evening.

**Peace Love and Harmony ESTARL Service
and Awards Ceremony
Beaumont, Texas
July 27, 2012**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it is my honor to welcome you to the Peace Love and Harmony 2012 ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony. Thank you for joining us this evening as we recognize the ESTARL recipients who we will be supporting with our monetary blessings this next year.

The beautiful musical prelude was performed by our Worthy Grand Organist, Sister

Rosemary Swetland Berry; who has honored us by sharing her gift from the Lord; please join me in thanking her.

The Worthy Grand Matron's theme for the year has been:

Faith, Family, Friends.
If one has faith, one has peace,
If one has family, one has love,
If one has friends, one has harmony.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the ESTARL Committee. The work accomplished has been a shared labor of love. On behalf of the Committee I wish to thank the membership for your donations, and the Chapters for interviewing these students and sponsoring them; we could not have aided these dedicated young men and women without your assistance. At this time, it is my honor to introduce the five District Chairmen; each has worked diligently with the local Chapters in screening applications and assisting the recipients. We can only hope our work has been beneficial to these students and pleasing to the Lord.

And Worthy Grand Matron, I must thank you for giving me five very dedicated ladies to help me and I do.

Sisters:	Gayle Doyle	District 1
	Barbara Reynolds	District 2
	Mamie Pistokache	District 3
	Sherry Dieckmann	District 4
	Gloria Bennett	District 5

Please join me in expressing our appreciation for the work they have accomplished.

For the past 56 years, the Grand Chapter of Texas has been honored to sponsor an Eastern Star Awards for Religious Training program. The twenty one recipients of the 2012 ESTARL scholarships have followed their calling to serve their faith, been encouraged with love by their family, and Eastern Star members are privileged to be friends who offer financial aid for their journey.

In 1st Peter 4:10 we are told... "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

I believe you will find the four recipients who are with us this evening are good stewards of God's grace and are ready and willing to share their gifts with us.

As all of our meetings begin and end with prayer; our invocation this evening will be offered by Stephanie Leigh Hinton Cline, a student at East Texas Baptist University.

(Three Raps)

Mrs. Stephanie Leigh Hinton Cline: Will you please pray with me. Dear Heavenly Father, I just thank you so much for the gifts that you have given us. I thank you for bringing us all

here safely and I just pray that this evening goes smoothly and as we depart Lord, that we just continue to do your will. In your Son's most precious name. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Linda Christensen: (One rap) Thank you Stephanie, that was a beautiful prayer and I believe the Lord hears all of our prayers and always gives us an answer that He knows is best. Reverend Becky Love who attends Austin Presbyterian will bring a musical selection accompanied by Sister Rosemary Berry, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

(Rev. Becky Love's Song)

(Applause) Thank you Becky and that was truly truly beautiful and you have shared with us a gift the Lord has blessed you with your lovely voice. And we certainly appreciate that. I think it was an inspiration for all of us. At this time I'm going to ask Stephanie Cline to come forward. She will read our scripture for the evening.

Mrs. Stephanie Leigh Hinton Cline: The first verse that I have, it comes from Matthew 17:20. It says "If you have faith as small as a grain of mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you". The second verse comes from Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous hand".

Sister Linda Christensen: Stephanie that was a wonderful selection. I believe our Worthy Grand Matron was especially fond of one of those. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* will now be sung by Charles Kirk Crider, a student at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.

(Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)

(Applause) Charles that was an inspirational performance, the Lord has blessed us with tonight - two beautiful voices to share with us. I hope some of this will be an inspiration to you as we go forth in our program. I know I was touched by both of them and we thank them for being here this evening. Our recipients, most all of them have travelled a good ways to be here on your side of the Swamp, Worthy Grand Matron and I know it means a great deal to all of us that their dedication is so strong and their desire to share the Lord's blessings with us. And now this evening our message will be brought by Karl Houston Hanschen a student at Dallas Theological.

Mr. Karl Houston Hanschen: Good evening. My name is Karl Hanschen. I'm a pastor in training at Dallas Theological Seminary. Before I share tonight's message I wanted to say thank you. Thank you for your support, your encouragement and your affirmation not only of my training but ultimately my calling. One of the unique privileges that I have as a Dad is the opportunity to pray with my five year old daughter, uh, three year old daughter. Every night after the drama of going to bed has passed, after the pleading and crying to stay up later has subdued, after the teeth have been brushed and the toilet flushed, I sit down next to my daughter on her bed, she plops in my lap and together we pray. It's a sacred time, it's a very special time, it's a time when my daughter gets to hear my love for her as I express it to our Heavenly Father. It's a time where my daughter gets a vision of who she is to be and who she can become. But it's also a deeply stirring time because when I'm praying with

her I'm confronted with a question. And that question is, what should my daughter become? More specifically, what virtues, what character should I pray that God would form in her. Well, that just begs to question frankly what does He want to see in her. That's the question I want to engage tonight. We are going to talk about two virtues tonight. We're going to look at Solomon's instructions on them, we're going to look at the benefit of these virtues and we're going to talk about how to grow in these virtues. So if you have your Bible or your iPads turn with me to Proverbs 3 and let me set the stage. King Solomon, the wisest man of his time, collected witty wise instructions for how to live and compiled them for his son and for the generations that would follow him. It was a common practice among the kings. Many other cultures have this but this work wasn't simply repackaged Pop psychology. What came from Solomon's pen was wisdom informed by God himself. So with that let's jump in at verse 3 where Solomon is admonishing his son and you know what? The first time you use technology to preach, it doesn't work for you. (Laughter) Verse 3, Solomon says "Do not let steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you". Okay, what is steadfast love? Well, the Hebrew word there is a mix of love and commitment, of loyalty and compassion, of kindness and mercy. Faithfulness, again in the Hebrew faithfulness is trueness, it's reliability, it's certainty. Solomon is telling his son don't let this devoted compassion, this trustworthiness forsake you. But you've got to ask the question how do these two inanimate objects get up and leave. I mean they're objects, they're concepts. They can't but you and I, we can. We can get up and leave. In fact we do depart from these virtues anytime we act inconsistently with them. Anytime we act unlovingly, without mercy, without compassion. Anytime we abandon our commitments and forsake those who love us. Solomon says to his son don't act contrary to these virtues. In fact he goes on and says bind them to your neck and write them on the tables of your heart. Many of you ladies are wearing a necklace tonight. How did you choose, why did you choose to wear that necklace? I'm going to step out on a limb and guess that you wanted to wear something that was beautiful. You wanted to adorn yourself with beauty. Well, that's what Solomon is encouraging his son with. He wants his son to wear these virtues, to wear these beautiful virtues for all to see. He wants his son to act with steadfast love and faithfulness. But it's not just that he wanted his son to put on a show. He said bind them to your neck and write them on the tablets of your heart. Let the inside match the outside and when we see that we call that integrity. He said act on what you believe and what you value and value steadfast love and faithfulness. He goes on to say in verse 4, the benefits of steadfast love and faithfulness. The verse reads, the verse reads something like this...when you do this, you'll be looked upon by God and by man with favor and you'll be blessed. The idea here is that the person whose character is marked by steadfast love and faithfulness is going to be esteemed, is going to experience good things in life. Let's be clear though. This is not a promise of popularity or prosperity. That's not how the proverbs work. Proverbs are not guarantees - they're descriptions of how life usually should work. So Solomon says steadfast love, faithfulness - you'll be esteemed. You'll be honored. So how do we grow in these virtues? We grow in these virtues, well, let me back up...these two virtues, steadfast love and faithfulness, when they are talked about in the scriptures, 75% of the time they are describing one person. That's God and that's what he has done. In fact the prophet Jose even goes on to directly link the lack of these virtues and the lack of steadfast love, the lack of faithfulness, he links it directly to a lack of intimacy with God. The Hebrew talk about the lack of knowing God, that close personal intimate relationship. If you consider that Jesus said "If you knew me, you would know the Father also" for us then to grow in these virtues we've got to get closer to Jesus. We've got to get in deeper relationships with him. This last spring, I started the semester

with a habit of daily getting in the word of God and spending time in prayer and getting to know Jesus. As the semester wore on life and the demands of school, they taxed me and I let this habit slide. It got away from me. By summer, the woman who I vowed my love and faith promise to got nothing but the short end of the stick by a cranky husband and a short fused father. My children, instead of love and faithfulness to them was replaced with resentment for the obligations they placed on me. So this summer I set out to re-establish that habit to regrow in my love and faithfulness. And that is my challenge to each of y'all tonight. Tomorrow start a habit where you are physically walking with Jesus. Where you are spending more time with Him and growing with Him. And test and see if within six months you haven't grown in faithfulness and in steadfast love. So what virtues should my daughter have? What virtues should I have? What virtues should each of y'all pursue? Solomon said steadfast love and faithfulness. He says you'll be honored, you'll be esteemed. We've got to get to know Jesus better. So let me pray. Father you are the exemplar of steadfast love and faithfulness. These are virtues that you want to see your people characterized by. Lord I pray that you would stir in our hearts and compel us to draw closer to your Son so that we would exhibit more steadfast love and faithfulness. So that you would rub off on us, so that your spirit would change us. Father I pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sister Linda Christensen: Thank you Karl and I think that message sort of embodied a lot of what our Worthy Grand Matron had as her theme this year to remind us all that what should be most important in our lives, Faith first, Family second and Friends third. If we have those we have everything. Sisters and Brothers, we have been blessed this evening with four examples of those who have heard the Lord's calling and answered. Many of our recipients, those not here and those here with us this evening, have sacrificed greatly to answer the call to serve God. Only through aid and scholarships such as ours are they able to continue in their training. Our Order is based upon scriptural lessons, moral teachings and beneficent purposes. Please remember these and give generously and from your heart as your contributions tonight will be the seeds that grow next year's ESTARL fund to help many other deserving recipients so that the Lord's work and the Lord's word may continue to be spread. As we enjoy music this evening by Rev. Love and Sister Rosemary, I ask that with the Worthy Grand Matron's permission, I ask the Deputies and Pages who will assist with the collection, to please come forward and you'll find the collection boxes on a table just behind the curtains and that you will pass these among the membership. We'll do this after our Offertory Prayer and after you've collected them, please return them to the table in the back. Charles Crider will voice our prayer and again Sisters and Brothers I urge you to give generously to this very, very deserving cause. Thank you.

Mr. Charles Crider: Will you bow with me in prayer? Father we bow before your presence tonight. Lord, we just thank you for so many things, all of your many blessings. We thank you for the safety of travel coming here. We, I know that I personally am just so thankful for the financial help that the ESTARL has given for my family and I. Lord I pray that you will bless this offering that you will use it only to bring glory to yourself and that you will bless those who give generously. Continue to bless everything that is done here tonight. Be with us as we all travel to our homes. It's in Christ mighty name we pray. (Amen)

("It is Well With My Soul" sung by Rev. Love and accompanied by PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry)

(Applause) Sisters and Brothers, if that didn't move you I don't know what can. We were very blessed last year to have Rev. Love here with us at Grand Chapter and brought our message. And when I contacted her this year about attending again she reminded me that she had brought the message last year and I said we would still love to have you come back and join us. And then I happened to speak to Sister Rosemary and she shared with me the secret of what a beautiful voice Becky has. And I think we can all certainly agree that our own Sister Rosemary certainly knows music and she knew it this time. That was beautiful. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers for your generosity may God bless you and also the participants and Sister Rosemary for the inspirational music and for the words that our other recipients have brought us. I offer my most heartfelt thank you to everyone.

The District Chairmen will come forward at this time and they will call the names of the recipients from their respective Districts. And Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we would be most honored if you will present the certificates to the 2012 ESTARL Scholarship recipients who are in attendance. I am very pleased at this time to present Sister Gayle Doyle, District 1 Chairman.

Sister Gayle Doyle: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for selecting and allowing me the privilege of serving on the ESTARL Committee this year. It has been very rewarding. District 1 was favored with five recipients this year. The recipients are:

Kirk Crider – Music – Sponsored by Garland Chapter #156 and will be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dustin Benec – Masters of Counseling – Sponsored by Plano Chapter #703. Dustin will be attending Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in North Carolina.

Roman J. Walley, III - Ministries – Sponsored by Dal Cliff #574 and will be attending Dallas Theological Seminary

Thomas Harper – Ministry – Sponsored by Dallas Chapter #1 – Thomas will be attending Perkins School of Theology at SMU

Shelby Robinson – Major in International Studies with a Religious Concentration - Sponsored by Marshall Chapter #356 – She will be attending East Texas Baptist University

District 2 Chairman Barbara Reynolds will now introduce the recipients from her District. (Applause)

Sister Barbara Reynolds: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me to serve on this very rewarding Committee this year and thank you to the membership for your generosity. We only had one to apply for District 2 but he is very well receiving this scholarship. His name is Regan Lynch. He is legally blind, he is married and he has a six month old baby. But the baby was not born healthy so he is very grateful for this scholarship. He is attending Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary and he is sponsored by Norman Reed Chapter #1010.

I am pleased to recognize Sister Mamie Pistokache, Chairman of District 3. (Applause)

Sister Mamie Pistokache: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to be of service to this Committee. For District 3 we had seven recipients. The first is:

Blair Elliot Lewis – Brite School of Divinity; TCU – Sponsored by Grapevine Chapter #326

Christian W. Messmer – Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary – Polytechnic #420
Kevin Spenser Portwood – Duke Divinity – Richardson #921
Hannah Rebecca Priest – Dallas Baptist University – TMRC Daylight #1145
Justin Dale Southall – Howard Payne University – Gorman #443
Timothy John Wang – Dallas Theological – North Fort Worth #684
Randy Lynn Wester – Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary – Castleberry #1028.

I am pleased to recognize Sister Sherry Dieckmann, District 4 Chairman. (Applause)

Sister Sherry Dieckmann: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is with a great honor to serve on this Committee. As an educator myself, this is very near and dear to me. To see these people trying to reach their dreams in Religious Studies and touched each one of us in very special ways as they shared their love of God with each of us. District 4 is proud to say that we have:

Sister Carrie Annette DeLeon - who is going to Perkins School of Theology at SMU – Humble #415 is the sponsor.

Jeffery William Garner – is going to Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary – and is sponsored by LaMarque Chapter #979

Sister Stephanie Leigh Hinton Cline – is going to East Texas Baptist University – is sponsored by Silsbee Chapter #298

Reverend Rebecca Jean Cole Love – is going to Austin Presbyterian – and is sponsored by Lufkin Chapter #382.

I am now pleased to recognize Sister Gloria Bennett, District 5, Chairman. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Gloria Bennett: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for the special blessing you have given me this year on serving on this, the ESTARL Committee. Also thanks to our General Chairman in her fine leadership, Sister Linda Winn Christensen. And now, I am pleased to announce those who have been awarded scholarships for District 5, one of who is with us this evening and gave our special message:

Karl Houston Hanschen – attending Dallas Theological Seminary and sponsored by Austin Chapter #304.

Those unable to be with us this evening include:

Michael J. Carroccino – attending Seminary of the Southwest - sponsored by Creedmoor Chapter #607.

Mark Anthony Camarillo – attending Baptist University of the America's – sponsored by Pleasanton Chapter #133 and

Donna Jo Shaw – attending Austin Presbyterian Seminary – sponsored by Bexar Chapter #616

And our General Chairman, Sister Linda, I turn this over to you at this time. (Applause)

Sister Linda Christensen: And now if we could have a short photo op. Would you prefer that right now, Worthy Grand Matron? Thank you. Well, thank you all and now it would be very much our honor if we can ask our Worthy Grand Patron to bring us short remarks at

this time. Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Thank you Linda and the entire ESTARL Committee in all the hard work that is involved in presenting these awards. We were fortunate that our youngest daughter Dr. Jill Nennmann was an ESTARL recipient at the time that she was working on her Masters in Music at TCU. She then went on and received her Doctorate in Liturgy and she serves a church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We are pleased and honored that she was able to be blessed in this way and we wish that all these recipients have similar successes in their calling. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Linda Christensen: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron and thank you for sharing that information with us on your daughter and now we would be most honored if our Worthy Grand Matron would bring us some greetings.

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Linda and thank you Committee and to our recipients, we appreciate each of you for the service that you render in your communities. You are deeply appreciated. Our neighbor down the street and the Associate Pastor of our little Methodist Church in Winnie was an ESTARL recipient. We didn't know that because that was long before we were active in Eastern Star. And one day just in casual conversation we said we were going to be gone because we had an Eastern Star function. He said "Oh, Eastern Star. They gave me a scholarship when I was going to Seminary". And I want you to know that Jim is now an entered Apprentice Mason. (Applause) So you see as in Ruth's lesson by gathering here a little and there a little we manage to...give me the word here...we get to reap the harvest at some point and tonight we have certainly reaped the harvest of your training. And we wish for each of you, nothing but the best as you continue in the most important service because I have always been taught and I realize that Christianity is merely one generation away from extinction. And so we appreciate your carrying the message forward that those that you touch may carry the message forward also. Thank you so very much. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

Sister Linda Christensen: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Rev. Becky Love will bring the response on behalf of the 2011-2012 recipients.

Rev. Becky Love: It is a privilege to be here tonight and to be the one to give the response and I want to do that first by talking about a journey. And my journey began back in a little place known as Amarillo, Texas and I met a great number of people there that encouraged me and empowered me to lead in our youth program and two of those people are Barbara and Richard Ochs, who are here this evening and you may know. And, uh, you know...I told God I wasn't going to do it. God said "Yes you are" eventually God won. So I went to McMurray University in Abilene and began my training in being in Christian Education. Well, that wasn't what God had in mind. So after 15 years of that God said "You are going to be a pastor". I said "No I'm not. I don't like to read, I don't like to talk in front of people, I don't like to write thesis papers and that's what you have to do every week if you're a preacher." And God said "Yes you are". So I ended up going to Seminary and again Barbara and Richard Ochs showed up and that was my first time to receive the ESTARL Award. And then I began my work as a pastor in a local congregation and God said "You are not finished yet. You need some more training. I need to prepare you to work in places that aren't always easy to work in and aren't always growing and vital congregations. I need you to go back

to school and learn more about the small rural congregation and how to bring them to life". So I began my work after dealing with God again. I'm too old, I can't read that long cause my eyes hurt. I just can't do it and God said "Yes you will". And then Rosemary showed up, she happens to show up every Sunday at my church to play the piano, but she said "Why don't you apply for the ESTARL scholarship?" And we talked about how I had received it before and I applied with much encouragement and there you are again. And last year I showed up for the time to give the message and guess who was here? Barbara and Richard Ochs. It's a journey. It's a beginning and in the beginning the father who prays with a child and teaches the stories of scripture and the pastors and the mentors along the way in the youth program who teach that you can live a life outside of what the world wants you to live. It is friends and faith and family. It is being empowered to do God's will when you keep saying "No, I'm not". I am the oldest one here on stage as a recipient. And I've been through a lot of that journey. And I'm excited for the young people who are here tonight to receive this scholarship as they begin their journey toward what God has them involved in and where they will be doing ministry in the world and I'm telling you guys, if you say "no", God will get to you eventually, just like God has encouraged all of you. On behalf of all of the recipients, those who are here and those who are not able to be here, I want to thank you for your generosity, for your encouragement, for empowering us to do the will of God in our lives, to be trained appropriately and to share the Good News, the gospel, with so many others. You know when you leave Seminary you can have a debt of up to \$50,000. The ESTARL scholarship makes it possible for some of us to continue. So I say to you our friends and our family, we appreciate so much what this Organization does for us as we do God's will and for so many others as you serve God in the way that you have been called. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Linda Christensen: Thank you Sister Becky. Now I invite Stephanie Cline to lead us in prayer to close this service and before she does, Sisters and Brothers, I give you my most heartfelt thanks again for your attention and for your generosity. And to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I especially thank you. This has been the most rewarding experience that I have had serving Grand Chapter and I thank you. Stephanie.

Mrs. Stephanie Cline: Will you please pray with me. Dear Heavenly Father, I just thank you for this beautiful night Lord. For your gift and blessings of allowing us to move further on in our studies for you Lord. I just pray that as we exit out tonight that however far a distance we have to travel from five minutes to five hours Lord that you just keep us safe on the way home. We love you Lord. In Jesus name we pray. Amen (Amen)

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Linda and your Committee for all that you have done. The Grand Officers will retire and prepare for the Memorial Service. I invite Sister Jerre Miller, the Grand Chaplain to the East. I ask that at the conclusion of the Memorial Service that all participants in the 2012-2013 Installation of Officers please remain in the auditorium for Installation practice. Please remember that the Grand Chapter Session will begin at 8:15 in the morning. A reminder to the voting delegates, you need your ballot and your signed envelope at all times. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Rebirth, Renewal, Remembrance

Grand Chaplain Jerre Miller: If we could take our places I think we are about ready to begin.

Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell: Sisters and Brothers shall we go to the Lord in prayer. Most gracious Heavenly Father, author of love and light, we come to you in prayer as we remember those who have gone on before us. Renew our spirits and help us to look forward to our rebirth at the resurrection. Guide and direct us and give us strength so that we may serve you aright. Bless those that bow before and give them strength and wisdom. Thank you for the many blessings you have showered upon each one of us. All these things we ask in your most Holy Name. Amen

Grand Chaplain Jerre Miller: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers all. It is my pleasure to give the report of the Grand Chaplain. It has been my pleasure to serve the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas as Grand Chaplain. I have extended condolences to thirty-seven Past Grand Matrons and forty-two Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. I also sent remembrances to the family of three General Grand Chapter family members, three for Installed Grand Chapter members for other Grand Jurisdictions and for the husband of the Worthy Grand Chaplain and for the mother of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. I sent remembrances to the families of Brothers Garland Rattan, Leland Benefield, and Billy Combest, Sisters Molly Goodpasture and Jane Gregory. We were saddened by the loss of 1,236 members of Subordinate Chapters. As I became aware of needs of members across the state, I sent almost 200 cards and messages of hope or cheer to our members and their families and remembrances to Installed Grand Officers who were hospitalized or who suffered losses. Again, I thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity for service. The choir will now sing.

(The Choir sings “He Leadeth Me”)

The Bible says “That which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. The secret of life enclosed in the seed cannot be developed until the seed has died. So the blessed and eternal possibilities for the human beings cannot be realized until these earthly bodies have died and gone the way of all mortal flesh”. The explanation in the Bible continues, “It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body”. It is as the Holy Bible has stated “We shall be changed...For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality”. It would be the human family’s worst tragedy if many could not die or be transformed. It would deny him of unlimited possibilities in another habitation which defy earthly description and finite understanding. Though the world dreads death and men shrink from it as if it were the end of all living, it is actually the gateway to all the blessings of the better and richer life. As the little seed is required to die before it can live in its final and most lovely form, man too must die before he can attain the highest and most blessed state of life from the dead seed buried in mother earth, then we should not doubt His power to

clothe our souls with new bodies, suited to a new existence in a better world when these bodies lie in earth's hallowed soil.

Sister Alma Lynn Bane will pay tribute to the members of General Grand Chapter whom we have lost.

MWGS Alma Lynn Bane: We pause this evening to remember those members of our General Grand Chapter family who have entered this new phase of existence. We were blessed by their lives of service and remember them with fond memories of their days among us. We also remember the families left here to carry on their legacies.

Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry, escorted by Brother Henry Martin, will present the butterfly in memory of these members of General Grand Chapter.

(Each PGM carried a butterfly to the cross; the escort took the butterfly and placed it on the cross. The Escort touched the butterfly wings to make them flutter after he placed it on the cross.)

Grand Chaplain Jerre Miller: We were saddened by the deaths of three Past Grand Patrons and two Past Grand Matrons. These tributes will be given by Sisters Bess Caldwell, Sharon Fentress, Betty Benham, Joyce Gilbert and Alma Carter.

PGM Bess Caldwell: Brother Garland Rattan lived a quiet life with a love for education and for his fellow man. His Memorial read: "Those who put their faith in things beyond the strength of man wait with quiet confidence the working of His plan. As the shadows lengthen and the beautiful rays of the setting sun are reflected across the evening sky, we are reminded of the bright and glorious morning which will follow the darkness. This is with our early life, the day passes, the eventide comes, but just beyond we see the glorious dawning of everlasting life". We remember Brother Garland Rattan, who passed away August 22, 2011.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Brother Leland Benefield's Memorial stated:

Hope comes with whisper sweet, Tells of a land far away,
Where the sun shall never set, The land of eternal day.
Where we shall meet again, The friends we loved of yore,
Where partings are unknown, And farewells said no more.

Brother Leland was a gentle man who embraced life and all its sweetness. He was always ready to GO – no matter the occasion. We know that he is now free from all pain and suffering and enjoying all that Heaven affords. We remember Brother Leland Benefield who passed away August 23, 2011.

PGM Betty Benham: Sister Molly Goodpasture was a strong woman who knew her mind and displayed her will in so many ways. Her Memorial encouraged:

Build today, then strong and sure with a firm and ample base,
And ascending and secure shall tomorrow find its place.

Sister Molly was the very definition of a liberated woman long before that phrase had come

into being. She was steadfast, loyal and true. We remember Sister Molly Goodpasture who passed away September 1, 2011.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: A man of quiet conviction, Brother Billy Combest was truly a peacemaker. His Memorial read:

May our Heavenly Father lead you beside still water
May His strength be the joy you find there.
May His power be the victory you live in
And until we meet again, May He hold you safely
In the palm of His almighty hand.

Billy's gentle nature and kind manner of life exemplified his desire to live in God's love so that peace and harmony could prevail. We remember Brother Billy Combest who passed away January 31, 2012.

PGM Alma Carter: A lady of refinement and grace. Sister Jane Gregory reminded us that there was a "Time for All Things." Her Memorial stated:

To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven

We are assured that she is rejoicing that her time on earth was fulfilled. We remember Sister Jane Gregory who passed away June 24, 2012.

Sister Elise Hammack, escorted by Brother Kenneth Gregory, will present the butterfly in memory of these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Sister Jerre Miller: Sister Elsie Paladino will pay tribute to member of Texas' Subordinate Chapters.

PGM Elsie Paladino: These words express the thoughts of those members of our chapter who have started a new beginning:

While I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn with comfort and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

This is the message each of them sends to us as we await our turn to be with loved ones again. We miss them and remember their many services to our Order.

Sister Vi Griffin and Brother David Dibrell will place a butterfly on the cross in memory of

the members of our Subordinate Chapters.

Sister Jerre Miller: Brother John Creel will present the tribute to the members of our Military.

PGP John Creel: We remember our fallen heroes – the men and women of our armed services – who have allowed us to live in this country and to meet as this Order.

Honor Our Military

Let's honor our military, the men and women who serve,
Whose dedication to our country does not falter, halt or swerve.
Let's respect them for their courage, they're ready to do what's right
To keep America safe so we can sleep better at night.
Let's support and defend our soldiers, whose hardships are brutal and cruel,
Whose discipline we can't imagine, who follow each order and rule.
Here's to those who choose to be warriors, and their helpers good and true,
They're fighting for American values; They're fighting for me and you.

The butterfly representing our military will be presented by Sister Joyce Nicklas escorted by Brother Ray Hertenberger.

Sister Jerre Miller: I invite the Installed Grand Officers and Pages, under the direction of Sister B. J. Corwin, Grand Marshal to present the drill.

(The Grand Officers and Pages formed a butterfly. Each person held a stick with a butterfly attached. The people in the drill moved the butterflies gently as they made the formation. The Grand Chaplain read the following story as the drill was being performed)

In a green meadow filled with Milkweed and flowers there lived a colony of caterpillars. They were a happy colony, living a quiet life in the cool shade. For many months they were very busy, scurrying around and munching on the soft Milkweed leaves. They did notice that every once in a while one of the colony seemed to lose interest in crawling around with its friends. It would go off alone and crawl high up in the trees. It gradually moved out of sight and was seen no more. "Look!" said one of the caterpillars to another, "one of our colony is climbing up to the tops of the trees. Where do you think he is going?" Up, up and up it slowly went...even as they watched the caterpillar disappeared from sight. Its friends waited and waited but it didn't return. "That's funny!" said one caterpillar to another. "Wasn't he happy here?" asked another. "Where do you suppose he went?" wondered a third. No one had an answer. They were greatly puzzled. Finally one of the caterpillars gathered its friends together. "I have an idea, the next one of us who climbs to the tops of the trees must promise to come back and tell us where he or she went and why." "We promise" they all said solemnly. One spring day not long after, the caterpillar who had suggested the plan found himself climbing high up into the trees. Up, up and up he went, higher and higher into the trees. Before he knew what was happening he had broken through the canopy of leaves into the warm sunlight and fell into a deep sleep. When he awoke he looked about in surprise. He couldn't believe what he saw. A startling change had come over his old body. He now had beautiful wings. Even as he struggled he felt an impulse to move his wings. The warmth of the sun soon dried the moisture from his new body. He moved his wings again and sud-

denly found himself flying into the sky. He had become a butterfly. Swooping and dipping in great curves he flew through the air. He felt exhilarated in the new atmosphere. By and by the new butterfly landed on a leaf to rest. Then it was that he chanced to look below to the bottom of the meadow. Why, he was right above his new friends the caterpillars! There they were, crawling around and munching on Milkweed, just as he had been doing before. Then the butterfly remembered his promise. Without thinking the butterfly darted down. He landed on a flower and looked into the grass. Now that he was a butterfly he could no longer go back. "I can't return!" he said in dismay. "At least I tried, but I can't keep my promise. Even if I could go back, not one of the caterpillars would know me in my new body. I guess I'll just have to wait until they become butterflies too. Then they'll understand what has happened to me and where I went." And the butterfly winged off happily into its new world of sun and air. Dear God, please remember those who have left the meadow we live in ...and remember us who are still here.

(Choir sings "Hymn of Promise")

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

(Grand Conductress attends to the Altar.)

Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and Grand Chaplain you will assume your positions for draping our Altar.

Grand Chaplain Jerre Miller: Holy God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts, grant that your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sights too deep for human words. Continue to heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, assure us again that ear has not heard, nor eyes seen, nor human imagination envisioned what You have prepared for us in Heaven...we free the spirits of our loved ones to be with You and we pray for the gentle winds of Your spirit and theirs to weave among us.

(Choir sings "It is Well With My Soul")

Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin: Sister Grand Conductress you will attend at the Altar.

(Grand Conductress attends to the Altar.)

I now call this Faith, the Blessings of Our Lives Session from Labor to Rest until 8:15 on Saturday morning.

**130th Session Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
“Faith, Family, Friends – The Hope of Our Future Session”
Saturday Session
July 28, 2012,
Ford Park Event Center
Beaumont, Texas**

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Delphia VonHeeder
Past Matron, Archives #1095**

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Youth Committee, GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

**Mr. Jerry Trees
Executive Committee, GGC
Housing Chairman
Past Grand Patron of Texas**

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Good morning Sisters and Brothers.....that’s the time you say “Good Morning”. (Good Morning!) Okay. This is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it, and how proud we are that God has given us a day that we as family and friends can be together. Sister Delphia, your music was outstanding. I heard several, several of my favorite songs and I thank you for playing for us and taking us to the throne of God in worship this morning through your music because music is the window to our soul and you have touched our soul with that today. Please show her how you enjoyed her music. (Applause) It is a privilege for this Past Grand Matron to share the East with Brother Jerry Trees once again. He is an outstanding man and I’ll tell you what, I’ve never been so proud of anyone in all my life as I am for my Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Jerry, would you like to greet the membership?

PGP Jerry Trees: Thank you Sister Joyce. What a privilege it is to open this *Faith, Family and Friends The Hope of Our Future* Saturday morning Session with my Worthy Grand Matron. What a fabulous year that we had together. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is our honor to stand here before this assembly of Sisters and Brothers once again and be reminded of the joy of service once again to this Order. This Worthy Grand Matron is a good friend who is dedicated and devoted to our Order. This Worthy Grand Patron is one I hold in the highest esteem. Again Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, my thanks to you for the opportunity of being here this morning and to help open this final Session for you.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: It is with great pleasure that I call this Saturday morning *The Hope of Our Future* Session to order. (one rap) Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the Installed

Grand Officers and their Pages in “The Rocking Horse” Drill. (Applause)

(Rocking Horse Drill)

(Applause)

Sisters and Brothers if you will direct your attention to the Grand Chapter Floor we will witness the expert Precision Drill under the direction of Mr. Tommy Griffin. No matter how many times we see it, it brings a great deal of pride and dignity to the Order. And we thank our men for doing this.

(Precision Drill)

(Applause)

Beautiful beautiful job. Thank you.

I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) (three raps) Just a little bit out of order but Sister Vi, I want to say face to face personally what an honor you have given to me to open this Session. You are a lovely, lovely, beautiful lady. You will go home knowing that all the goals and the dreams that you set are now in full swing and you can have peace of mind and may God give you the rest that you are going to need. I love you very very much. Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure...oh, let me let Brother Jerry talk. (Laughter) You’ve already talked? You don’t want to talk again? ... Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present Sister Vi Griffin, our Worthy Grand Matron and Brother David Dibrell, our Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Sister Vi, I present you with your gavel. Have a beautiful day.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you. The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter. (one rap) Thank you Sister Joyce Gilbert and Brother Jerry Trees for extending us the honor of opening this most exciting Saturday morning Session. Sister Joyce, you have always been so kind to me and so gracious. Thank you for all the love and the prayers that you have given us this year. Brother Jerry, we just appreciate you. We know your plate is full with General Grand Chapter and we appreciate you being here this morning to help us out. Worthy Grand Patron I know you want to thank these two.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron Joyce Gilbert and Past Grand Patron. We appreciate you calling this Session to order and we feel that we have a symphony among the angels by having you two calling this Session to order. Thank you so very much.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this *The Hope of Our Future* Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel we are about to call this *The Hope of Our Future* Session from

Rest to Labor and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GS: There will be no interruptions.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

WGM Vi Griffin: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

AGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

(The Grand Chapter Room is proved)

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

WGM Vi Griffin: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (three raps)

(Choir sings “Sweet Hour of Prayer”)

We will now look to God for guidance for today and our invocation will be voiced by Sister Sharon Fentress, General Grand Chapter Housing Co-Chairman and Past Grand Matron.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Sisters and Brothers, please join me as we go to the Lord in prayer. Our Heavenly Father, how we thank you Lord and praise your name for the many blessings you pour out upon us. Bless this assembly Lord. Keep them safe, keep them well. Watch over our Order, Lord. Prosper us so that we may continue the good deeds that we do Lord, in thy precious name. Be with our Servicemen. Keep them safe and free from harm and bring them home at your time Lord. All things we ask that it be in thy perfect will. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Vi Griffin: (One rap) Each morning we’ve had a scripture read to guide us through the day and I invite Sister Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron to present our scripture for the day.

PGM Effie Mae Davis: Matthew Chapter 13:32. “Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet it grows to be the largest of garden plants and becomes like a tree. That the birds of the air may come and perch upon its branches.” Matthew Chapter 17:20 “I tell you the truth that if you have faith as a mustard seed you can say to the mountain – move from here to there – it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you”.

WGM Vi Griffin: I now declare this *Hope of Our Future* Session called from Rest to Labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: (with raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, *the Hope of Our Future* Session is called from Rest to Labor. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

WGM Vi Griffin: It is well. Sisters and Brothers we want to thank you again for your concern and your cooperation. We have many items of business still remaining and we are

going to move along as rapidly as possible. I want to remind you again to keep your ballot with your signed envelope. Many of you are not aware of this. In the event a question is raised, you will have your dues card with your valid signature and your credentials that you are a voter. This is just a precaution as we plan to have our business Session over in time that Sister Annette and Brother Bill and all the rest of us can rest before Installation. In order to do that, we must have your undivided attention and assistance. I plan to nominate Sister Annette shortly after 10:00 a.m. so we must move as quickly as possible. I also ask any Chairman giving reports to be seated in the East and those who are to be nominated for an elected position and the person who will be nominating to make their way to the East and be seated. This will avoid delays later in the morning. I invite Sister Linda Christensen, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee to move the adoption of her report from last evening. How proud we are of the scholarships that this Committee was able to present.

Sister Linda Christensen: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron

REPORT OF THE 2011-2012 ESTARL COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the five District Chairmen, Sisters:

Gayle Doyle	District 1
Barbara Reynolds	District 2
Mamie Pistokache	District 3
Sherry Dieckmann	District 4 and
Gloria Bennett	District 5

Thank you for this appointment. It has been a blessing to work with these five fantastic Sisters you appointed and the recipients.

Worthy Grand Patron, Thank you for being certain the Webmaster placed the proper application and recommendation forms on the Grand Chapter Webpage so future applicants may have access to the proper forms for ESTARL. I do recommend further instructions as to eligibility be placed on the web page. This should eliminated applicants from applying for scholarships they are not eligible for, and the ESTARL applications being forwarded to the Committee in a timely manner.

The committee met April 14 in Belton, Texas to review the 21 applications. Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer, and Sister Becky Austin, BOD District one (1) and Gerry Sturtz, District four (4) also joined as observers.

The ESTARL Committee received the following funds through April 2012:

Mary C. Kennington Fund - 10%	\$ 432.00
Helen Bramlett Fund	453.00
Humanitarian	15,264.39
Brokerage Holding Fund	<u>9,280.27</u>
Total Funds available	\$25,530.60

All twenty one applicants were found to be eligible. The committee voted to award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to each applicant.

Last night the membership opened their hearts and wallets and generously donated an additional \$3,575.00, leaving a balance of \$7,005.60 for the 2012-2013 ESTARL Fund, as of July 28, 2012.

A final report on funds available to the 2012-2013 Committee will be submitted by this General Chairman to the Grand Secretary and Board of Directors prior to August 31, 2012 pending receipt of complete figures from the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this report.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers, I have a second from the Worthy Grand Patron, a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the ESTARL Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please raise your green card to adopt this report. All opposed. The report is adopted. Thank you. I now recognize Sister Jerre Miller, Grand Chaplain for the adoption of her report.

Grand Chaplain Jerre Miller: I hope that you were able to attend the Memorial Service last night. The report of the Grand Chaplain was given at that time and I move the adoption of that report.

WGM Vi Griffin: I have a motion and a second by Brother Larry Tucker that we adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain as presented last evening. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your green card. Any opposed? The report is adopted. Thank you Sister Jerre for a beautiful and inspirational and impressive Memorial Service last evening. I can assure you it was an evening that I won't forget.

Sisters and Brothers, yesterday afternoon there was a question that was asked about the Board of Directors having access to the financial investments of this Grand Chapter and I thank Brother Lee Stallings for clarifying the question that the Board was asking. So, yesterday afternoon, as Worthy Grand Matron, we faxed a letter to Chase Morgan to Mr. Matt Gonzalez who handles the investments of the Grand Chapter.

"Please use this letter as your authorization to allow the following members of our Board of Directors to have access to information on all accounts and investments held in the name of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. This authorization is limited to account information only and does not authorize the above individuals to make transactions on our accounts and investments."

It was signed and sent yesterday so I hope that that will answer any questions that the Board of Directors has as to their access to the investment information and put the minds of the membership at rest, that the Board of Directors can do their job. (Applause)

We have several lost and found items that are at the Lost and Found desk which is out in front of the concession stand. A blue iris bag with pins to be sold, money – I think that's mine. I think I can describe it – a packet of three pins, a pair of OES earrings, a rhinestone

pendant, a rocking horse pin - they're going out of style, a room key from the Homewood Suites, a pink pearl child's bracelet, and a black jacket. So if you are missing any of those, that's where you can find them.

I now call on the Jurisprudence Committee...No?...to continue with the business of the Jurisprudence Committee. I recognize Sister Joyce Nicklas.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This one is found on page 50 and 51 of the Advanced Report. Code of Laws, Division IV, Chapter 4E, Article 70 Salary. Sisters and Brothers, you've read this in your Advanced Reports. This would be a \$1,600 a year increase in salary of the Grand Secretary and that amounts to a 5.8% raise. Worthy Grand Matron it is in proper form.

WGM Vi Griffin: Okay this amendment is in proper form and ready for discussion.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: I'm not speaking for or against but just one little thing in this amendment right now. Currently they are treating the Grand Secretary as an employee and as an independent contractor. That is against the Internal Revenue Service Rules. We need to get all of her salary, whatever it is, as an employee. She is not supposed to receive both a 1099 where she has to pay both sides of the employment tax at the end of the year. She is an employee so the Housing as well as her regular salary that you have voted on previously must be combined.

WGM Vi Griffin: Is there any other discussion? I recognize the Sister in the South...in the West.

Sister Sharon Willingham: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Sharon Willingham. I'm a Past Matron of Texas City Chapter #626 and I have a question. One, I understood Sister Joyce to say a \$1,600 per year salary and the book says \$1,900. So I wanted clarification on that...Yeah, you're right, it is nineteen thousand, not hundred. (referring to the Advanced Report)

WGM Vi Griffin: I know what the Code of Laws says, that her salary is \$19,000 dollars per year and a Housing allowance of \$700 per year...a month. I like consistency.

Sister Sharon Willingham: I understand that the Housing allowance must be added to her salary and the changes that the IRS wants, I don't have a problem with that. I do however disagree with giving someone such a large raise. After you add the housing allowance in that she's already been getting, that's still a rather significant raise for one year. In the business world they don't give that percent of raises as a general rule. I urge you to remember this is a non-profit organization and that we must be good stewards of our money. I understand there's a lot of responsibility with that job but if we keep spending what we're spending and doing what we're doing and our membership keeps dropping, we're not going to have the funds to do anything. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is David Dibrell. I'm a Past

Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574. The confusion I think is the fact that the Housing allowance is stated as a per month where the salary is per year. If you convert the Housing to an annual per year, that's \$8,400. Which means her current total compensation is \$27,400. And this resolution would increase that to \$29,000 which is a \$1,600 increase.

WGM Vi Griffin: Does that answer your question Sister Sharon?

Sister Sharon Willingham: That does clarify that, however still, that's a large raise. The business world you don't get that much of a raise in one year. It's doesn't work out that way. If you get 1 or 2 percent, you're lucky these days. Social Security doesn't even give you that big of a raise.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Sharon. I recognize Sister Gloria Bennett.

Sister Gloria Bennett: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. As a retired CPA I would simply like to say to the membership, the remuneration that our Grand Secretary is receiving is quite small in comparison to what someone else would be getting for a similar position (Applause).

WGM Vi Griffin: Is there any other discussion? All who are in favor of adopting, um...Amendment number...I don't see a number, the Code of Laws to change Division IV Chapter 4E, Article 70 in regards to the salary of the Grand Secretary, all those in favor raise your green cards. Those opposed? The motion carries. (one rap, applause).

We would like the Conductress of Castleberry Chapter to come to the East immediately.

I recognize the Jurisprudence Committee. Who's next?

PGM Elsie Paladino: Good Morning. This proposed Resolution when I looked at it again yesterday I thought well we've already solved that but the proponents want it presented so we are going to do that. Is that better? This proposed Resolution has to do with Grand Chapter buying property for the museum and office and that's basically the last paragraph "Be it resolved that this Grand Chapter grant authority to the Corporate Board and the 2012-2013 Purposes and Policies Committee to purchase this property or comparable property within the required boundaries defined in the Code of Laws, for the Grand Chapter of Texas Headquarters and Museum. Such property to be purchased from the monies set aside from the sale of the OES Home property for said purpose."

WGM Vi Griffin: Okay, purposed Resolution, I'm going to call it No. 1 is in proper form and ready for discussion.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland.

PGM Rosemary Swetland Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to make a point before we go into full discussion on this. Yesterday we were discussing the membership of Texas and there was misinformation given to us, the Grand Secretary has gracious-

ly explained that to me now. And I want the membership of Texas to know that on page 27 of your Advanced Annual Report, the total membership for Texas of 30,380 is in error. We have just over 21,000, Grand Secretary, Somewhere about 21,000 members. Please Sisters and Brothers, when you're making such a valuable decision such as purchasing anything, we haven't had a report given yet on how much we actually have. The Worthy Grand Matron graciously appointed that Committee yesterday and they are going to tell us I believe by January, Worthy Grand Matron, about where we stand financially on the sale of the Home and then we are down to a little over 21,000 members. Please think carefully Sisters and Brothers. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Rosemary. Is there other discussion?

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Karen Morgenthaler.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: I'm Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron...Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I oppose this Resolution. Sisters and Brothers we are in a good place. There is a way of bringing our Museum into the office if we give it an opportunity to make it work. Our membership is declining on a daily basis. If we don't start making long-range plans for our future, I assure you in ten years there will not be an Order of the Eastern Star. We have got to realize that the only asset we have left is money. And we have to spend it, we have to begin putting ourselves on budget, putting that Grand Secretary's office on budget and tighten the belt like we are doing in our own homes. We have to do this to make things work. Maybe the future will get better for us. We don't know what the outcome will be but Sisters and Brothers if we don't start drawing in, we will have nothing. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Karen. I recognize Sister Annette Curry.

AGM Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Annette Curry a Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684. I would like to speak in favor of this Amendment and maybe explain something that happened yesterday. On that Amendment with the forty mile, we were not trying to move or get property beyond forty miles it was just any place in Arlington. The limits of Arlington is very, very close but it was not trying to move something forty miles away, it was just some property that we could, I want to point out that last year when it was presented, we had \$478,775.83 which was placed in that account that was from the sale of the Home. Sisters and Brothers, this membership voted for that money to be used for the move. We have not done that. We have been there since 2004 and our... the amount that we have now from the \$478,000 on this report here, our account which is 1003.50, the property sale, and this documentation shows that we have \$366,837.79 for the move money. There's been some problem I want you to note, the Corporate Board has looked at some property. We have invited the Board of Directors to look and on this...what you're going to read here, it says the Corporate Board has located one suitable and affordable property located on Abrams St. in Arlington, some three miles. And there's probably a contract on that right now but it also covers that you would give the Corporate Board the authority or the okay to purchase property or comparable property, not that particular property. You would not want to buy something that you wouldn't have it checked out first, you would have it inspected,

coded and all that. Notice that it says this property or comparable property. So you can see now that we now have \$366,837.79 that this membership voted and is for the property. Now if this property is not purchased or we do not use this money to purchase and I realize our membership, but right now we're paying annually for where we are now \$51,700 annually. For rent \$33,000, storage \$7,000, security which we still have at another building, utilities \$8,700 and our janitorial. So we are spending \$51,000 now. Some of those charges would be reduced but we are still going to have to pay our phone and utilities on another building but once this money is gone, we have no money. (Applause) We have a letter from TMRC, we have no contract right now where we are.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Annette, that's three minutes. Does the membership want to let Sister Annette continue another three minutes? (Applause)

AGM Annette Curry: Thank you membership. As I said, we have that amount of money but we're spending it, so if we do not purchase this property and we keep continuing to spend this money and if the membership does not vote that this be allowed, the Corporate Board is in charge during vacation or shut down at Grand Chapter, that we could purchase property and if we do not do that Sisters and Brothers, this \$300 and something thousand dollars, we can start taking \$50,000 out every year and pretty soon that money will be gone. We have no contract with TMRC. We are fortunate that we were rent free for a while, we have a letter that we pay \$2,750 a month, also that we have 90 days from either entity to vacate the property. If we come along and we spend all of our money on the rent that we are now and we appreciate their kindness to us, but once that money's gone or they were to raise that or want the superintendent to move there. We'd have no place to go and no money. The membership you did vote, this is the money for the move. I think this is a wise choice and it's your decision membership. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Annette. Is there other discussion? I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

PGP Henry Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters and Brothers, yesterday this Grand Chapter by a substantial majority defeated a Resolution that would have allowed the movement of the Grand Secretary's office away from the Texas Masonic Retirement Center where our Ladies are being cared for. We currently have the best possible arrangement at TMRC. We have a house on the grounds with about 4,000 sq. ft. and we only pay \$2,750 a month. Now Sisters and Brothers we pay no property taxes, we pay no insurance, we pay no security, we don't pay to maintain that home, we don't pay anything for the yard and grounds. Now, think about this. If we buy this property, we will not only have to pay for the property itself which we have heard is somewhere in the several hundred thousand dollar range, but you're going to have to renovate it, and then you're going to have to start paying for property taxes, insurance, you're going to have to pay to keep the grounds and the yard up, you're going to pay for security, plus you know, the buying of the property itself. We heard yesterday from our Board of Directors that our investments are paying such a small amount of interest that our budgets are running a deficit. We don't even have enough interest to cover the budgets that we discussed and to me Sisters and Brothers to me what is also very very important is that to move this Grand Secretary's office away from where our Ladies are being cared for, it is wrong. We have been located where the Ladies are for a hundred years and to me I don't think we ought to abandon those Ladies. Sisters and

Brothers I ask you, don't vote for this. We don't need property. Why are we trying to spend money that we really don't have, we may have money budgeted for buying property but you know if there is a sale at Dillards, you don't have to go buy it. Even though you might have \$5.00 in your pocket, you might save that for later. Don't vote for this. We're spending money we don't have and we do not want to abandon the Ladies that we are obligated to care for. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Henry. Is there other discussion?

Sister Elizabeth Wise: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Elizabeth Wise.

Sister Elizabeth Wise: I'm Elizabeth Wise, Past Matron of Buna Chapter #968 now Affiliated with Kirbyville Chapter #1143 and Dual member with Huntington Chapter #938. I call for the question.

WGM Vi Griffin: Okay, in order to stop debate we need a 2/3's vote. Do you wish to stop debate? All those in favor raise your green card. Any opposed? Debate is stopped. I heard somebody say Worthy Grand Matron.

AGM Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Matron I'm sorry, the Associate Grand Patron was standing but he did go ahead and let Elizabeth of the Board of Directors speak and I'm sorry that he did not get to speak. I'm sorry. Is there someone else over here also standing? Someone else was standing too, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Annette. Okay, we have voted to stop debate and so now we proceed to vote on Resolution No. 1, proposed Resolution No. 1. All those in favor please raise your green card. Opposed? This Resolution is defeated.

Brother Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

Brother Richard Ochs: Since it was defeated, may I go ahead and speak?

WGM Vi Griffin: Not on this proposed Resolution. We're through with it. It is not appropriate to speak on this Resolution because it has been defeated. Thank you Brother Richard, I appreciate your concern.

Brother Richard Ochs: Thank you. Resolution is what I was after.

WGM Vi Griffin: Jurisprudence?

PGP Kenneth Gregory: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This Resolution appears on pages 52, 53, 54 of your Advanced Annual Report. I'm going to give you just a synopsis of the Resolution.

This resolution proposes that: "The funds remaining in the accounts of the Texas Cardinals,

Inc., after all bills for the 2012 General Grand Chapter Session in Fort Worth, Texas, have been paid and reimbursement by the General Grand Chapter Trustees for the 2012 General Grand Chapter Session in November 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas, has occurred, will be transferred to the non-profit, tax-exempt organization established by Henry S. Martin (which shall be specifically named at a later date). For the purpose of providing the necessary financing for Henry S. Martin's election as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of General Grand Chapter, his subsequent six-year ascension to Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter and Texas' required financial participation in the 2021 Session of General Grand Chapter."

It further specifies that: "Following the 2021 General Grand Chapter Session, after all bills have been paid and reimbursement by the General Grand Chapter Trustees has occurred for that 2021 General Grand Session, the funds remaining in the non-profit, tax-exempt organization of Henry S. Martin shall be transferred to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star."

Worthy Grand Matron, this resolution has been received by your Jurisprudence Committee, examined and found to be in proper form, and is now ready for action by this Grand Chapter Assembly.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Kenneth. Resolution No. 2 is in proper form and is ready for action. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Rennie Ofton.

RWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Rennie Ofton, Past Matron of Harlandale Chapter #750. I would like to speak on this but I don't know how to say what I want to say without campaigning. (Laughter) So I'm going to say, I'm going to work around it. But you know, I have been in this for twelve years now. Texas Cardinal funds are important because we prepared what we're going to be doing in Fort Worth and we have not cost our Grand Chapter of Texas one cent. And this has been a wonderful thing. And the money that was raised by so many of you that are here today has been an encouragement to me. It has been the fact that I could walk without worrying "what are we taking away from Grand Chapter". And Sisters and Brothers you cannot know what a load was lifted off of my shoulders and we all are going together to have this General Grand Chapter meeting in Fort Worth and show our Texas pride. Now if the election...I'm not campaigning, really...(Laughter) but should we have another candidate, I think we owe our Texas pride behind any candidate. And I certainly hope that you will consider the wealth of our Grand Chapter because we don't really have the money to do much with that right now if we have to start over. I know all of you have just been so great to me and I hope that should we have a new candidate that we will transfer our loyalty to him, we will save Grand Chapter money by using what you have already raised and I am so proud to be representing the Grand Chapter of Texas and I know that we want any candidate that we have to have the same feeling. I urge that we vote for this. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Is there other discussion? All those in favor of Resolution No. 2 please raise your green card. Any opposed. The Resolution is passed. (Applause)

PGP Henry Martin: Sisters and Brothers let me reiterate what Sister Rennie has said. I'm

not campaigning either, but I have to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas for your generosity and your love that you have expressed to me through this vote today. I only hope that I can represent the state of Texas just half as well as Sister Rennie has and I pledge to you that I will do all in my power to make you proud of your representative at General Grand Chapter. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Henry. Thank you, membership. The Jurisprudence Committee has...we adopted your report yesterday so we're in good shape there. We're going to get a photo opt so if you will just bear with us for just a moment. Thank you and I want to thank this Jurisprudence Committee for your guidance that you've given this Worthy Grand Matron all throughout this year. I have tried to apply the Constitution and Code of Laws to any question that has been brought to me but sometimes the questions get too complicated for a Worthy Grand Matron and we are grateful to have a sound Jurisprudence Committee behind us and I'm grateful. (Applause) It's getting closer to 10:00. The Vivacious Voices over there, do you have a special song for us this morning while we regroup. I have an announcement that the vendors will not close at 12:00. They'll be open a little bit later so (applause), yeah, go spend the money. Never miss an opportunity to...

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Karen Morgenthaler.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: I have a request that I would like to ask of you and this membership. Our concern has been over our Museum items in storage and the membership for the last seven years have not seen these items. I would like...I made a recommendation yesterday if we could not take that Board Room and turn it into the beginnings of a museum where the membership would be able to see, begin to see the museum coming back to life. We could take the larger pieces of furniture and be able to scatter them around the Grand Secretary's office. The TMRC in previous years have said that our Board Members would be able to use the conference room to host their meetings each month. But I believe that the membership and I believe also that by beginning to move pieces out we would eliminate at least one storage building. And I believe our Museum Committee would now have a job to do and begin to work on this project so the membership of Texas can see that we really are trying to bring the museum back and I'd like to see if they would vote on it.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Karen I would refer that to the Museum Committee that Sister Annette has appointed for 2012-13. I'm not sure if the Conductress of Castleberry ever came to the East or not. Okay. Okay Vivacious Voices.

(Song by the Vivacious Voices)

Thank you Grand Choir (Applause). That is one of my very favorite songs. Sisters and Brothers we have received word through Sister Lorraine Williams that Sister Nancy Brown is not having a good day. So let's double our efforts in our prayers for Sister Nancy. Worthy Grand Patron, could I call on you to lead us in a prayer for Sister Nancy, uplifting her.

WGP David Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, if we would be in an attitude of prayer and hold

the hand of the one close to you if you can. We ask most gracious Heavenly Father that you would be with our good friend and Past Grand Matron Nancy Brown as she is fighting to overcome her medical problems. Nancy has been very emotional with this Session and we know it's a very difficult time in her life. We know that your healing power can reach out and we hope that it is your will that she be given strength to recover. Go with each one of us and help each one of us offer our individual prayers for Nancy so that she may be lifted up and brought to health again. All these things we ask in your son's precious name. Amen (Amen)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. We are waiting for the Registration and Credentials Committee. You have 15 minutes to visit the vendors. If someone on the Arrangements Committee will tell those wonderful drivers on the golf carts, tell the wonderful drivers on the golf carts first how much we appreciate them being there... (Applause) That was a good idea I had, wasn't it? Tell the golf cart drivers at 10:00 that they have my permission to park and come inside for the elections if they are voting delegates. Sister Sharon Fentress I would invite you to give the report of the Financial Investment Committee. I recognize Sister Jayne Yenger.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron it has just been reported to me that the drivers of the golf carts have been informed. That they will be coming in to ballot.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you. Okay, Sister Sharon Fentress is waiting on the steno to print her report. She operates like I do, what's the rush, let's wait til the last minute. I see the Credential Committee coming into the room. Sisters and Brothers, if I could have your attention, please. It has been called to my attention that we have two members of our Grand Chapter who have left Fort They are voting delegates and they have left their ballots in possession of another member with instructions to vote for them. And fortunately the member that they were given to said "I can't do that." And I think you just answered the question. We don't vote in our elections by proxy. Not only have they raised concerns but this is going to affect the report of our Credentials Committee. So keep your ballot with you. It is yours and that's one thing that you are not to share with anybody else. Thank you. (Applause) I call on Sister Betty Fogarty for the final report of the Credentials Committee. Pay close attention cause it's gonna change. Blessed are the flexible.

Sister Betty Fogarty: Yes.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, My Sisters and Brothers.

The Credentials Committee would like to make the following report to the 130th Grand Chapter of Texas:

Total number of Voters:	1413	Total Votes
Number of Voters with one Ballot:	1066	1066
Number of Voters with two Ballots:	264	528
Number of Voters with three Ballots:	83	<u>249</u>
For a Grand Total of Votes		1843

Number of Chapter's Representatives: ???

Committee Members: Mary Ann Davis, Sue Barnes, Ruby Cummings, Joyce Followill, Nancy Reynolds, Delphia Von Heeder, JoAnne Conner, Delia Whitfield, Cynthia Williams

I would like to thank these ladies standing up here for all their hard work and diligence and patience as we have done this and all I can say is thank you very much. (Applause) I move for the adoption of the Credentials Report.

WGP David Dibrell: Second

WGM Vi Griffin: We have a motion to adopt the Credentials Report, seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your right hand...your green card...raise something (Laughter). Any opposed? The report is adopted. Thank you Sister Betty. I almost feel bad when I trick the membership into taking these appointments like this and then at the end they say, you lied to me. I think I owe you big time. Thank you. Okay, I call on Sister Sharon Fentress to bring the report of the...No? Okay, we're going to postpone Sister Sharon Fentress one more time. I call on Sister Janice Hoffman for the final report of the Registration Committee.

Sister Janice Hoffman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, on behalf of the Registration Committee I wish to thank you for your confidence...Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, on behalf of the Registration Committee I wish to express our appreciation for you giving us this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter. The total Registration numbers for this Grand Chapter Session are as follows:

Voting members	1,413
Non-voting members	238
Out of State members	107

For a total of 1,858 dollars...1,858 members (Laughter)

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Janice they're priceless!

Sister Janice Hoffman: Well, you know if you don't make mistakes you're not doing anything. I also want to express my appreciation to those who assisted me on this Committee; Sisters Mary Calvert, Clara Lewis, Diane Flanigan, Karen Wright, Marty Reed, Dee Reynolds and Janelle Trees. We've had a good time and made many new friends. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Vi Griffin: We have a motion to adopt the final report of the Registration Committee, seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? Raise your green card if you adopt the report of the Registration Committee. Any opposed? The final report of the Registration Committee is adopted. Sister Janice and all the Registration Committee, we just appreciate...you're the first line, you're the first welcomers when our membership gets to Grand Chapter and we appreciate the cheerful manner in which I am certain that you have performed your duties and I know, I know, that Sister Janice Hoffman can sort a spread sheet in more ways than a cross cut shredder. (Laughter) And she has been terrific to keep this Worthy Grand Matron and our Grand Conductress informed of the registration and we

thank you so very much. (Applause)

Sister Sue Shoemaker: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Sue Shoemaker.

Sister Sue Shoemaker: That would be me. I'm Sue Shoemaker, Past Matron of Templar Chapter #374 and I'm aware that we adopted this report but my figures add up to 100 less than the total given. Could we please re-check that for the record?

WGM Vi Griffin: Well, we dotted the "1" and crossed the "T" and carried the one and dropped the three and so you are correct, Sister Sue.

Sister Sue Shoemaker: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers the...go ahead Sister Janice.

Sister Janice Hoffman: Sisters and Brothers I wasn't exactly prepared and my nerves are a little bit on edge right now and I did make an error in addition, but I beg everybody's forgiveness. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: The correct total is 1,758. Okay, the big hand's on 12 and the little hand's on 10. The Table Judges and Tellers have previously been invited to serve and notified of their positions. If you will quietly, Tellers and Table Judges go to your appointed stations right now. Sisters and Brothers let's make intelligent choices this morning. The Sister elected as Associate Grand Conductress today will be your Worthy Grand Matron in three very short years. The members elected to the Board of Directors will serve multiple years and make many decisions that will directly impact our Grand Chapter. And the Board of Grand Examiners will serve you. Again we solicit your cooperation and participation. You know we say this every year but Sisters and Brothers we want to be kind and courteous to each one whose name will be placed in nomination for any office. The Arrangements Committee has prepared signs with each candidate's name printed, these names are spelled correctly, I hope. It is my pleasure to present Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan who will give her instructions and we will proceed with the elections. To all of you who have allowed your name to be submitted for a place of service in this Grand Chapter, we want you to know how much we appreciate your willingness to serve and whatever the count is at the end of the day, when the dust settles, please know in your heart that you have already won because you have had the opportunity to get acquainted with the membership, this wonderful membership of Texas. I wish it were possible for everyone to win but we know that's not a possibility. So our love and best wishes go to each of you. Sister Jimmie Lee.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: Take over, please! (Laughter)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan: Sisters and Brothers, good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand

Patrons, our Special Membership. Now do I have them all in? Now, we are going to have a few things that I need to ask of you. And I would like to know how many of you are here for voting for the first time to cast your ballot for an elected office. Please hold your hand up or your green cards. Alright, guess who I'm talking to? I'm talking to you because I know in prior years the election judges have instructed our membership on the requirements. But I am going to give the instructions to you and to some of our members who may have forgotten them. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to serve this membership and you. Before beginning I want to explain to you that we will be hand counting, at no fault of your Worthy Grand Matron or your Committee. But in case of time, money to Grand Chapter, they will be hand counted. This came to our attention a couple of weeks ago and the time would not allow us to find other machines and to get ready and have the necessary items that we would need. Sisters and Brothers the Code of Law consists of and instructs certain election items and let me briefly review them: When making a nomination, only the name and the Chapter of the candidate, the name, the number and the location of the candidate... only the name of the candidate and number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which they are being nominated will be given. No member of Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at any one Session of Grand Chapter. If only one candidate is nominated then the election will proceed by acclamation which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election will be upon the ballot which the official Registration Committee has given you at your time of registration. The majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot no candidate has received a majority vote then the name of the candidate receiving the lower number of votes will be dropped. In the case of two or more candidates tied for the lowest number and there are at least two others receiving a higher number of votes then all of the candidates tied for the lowest number will be dropped. Subject to this regulation, the election will and shall proceed until some candidate receives a majority vote. The results of all votes shall be declared by the presiding officer. Additionally, the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to the Law that no one be allowed to leave the Chapter Room while the ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard and know that if you are caught outside during the ballot you will be denied admission. Our people are only faithfully performing the duties which they were assigned to perform, so please be kind. Do not leave your seats without all your credentials. This includes your signed envelope, your ballot, your badge and your current dues card. You will need all of those to re-enter. I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Grand Chapter Room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter Room after the ballot has been declared opened, will not be allowed to re-enter unless the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room to cast their ballot. The ballot box shall not leave the Grand Chapter Room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed and the Assistant Grand Warders in each case will open the door and when the Page approaches and the Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside and deposit their individual ballot in the box, returning to their stations outside the doors. Sisters and Brothers we have some that are required to continue their work. These are the Registration, Credentials Committee and members of those who are in the First Aid. They will be allowed to approach the door that is in the West where they will approach the Sentinel and the Warder knowing and they will be allowed to open the door and the Tellers will approach the door and they will remain inside the room and only the members of Registration, Credentials and First Aid will be allowed to step

inside and deposit their ballot and then they will step back outside and go back to their respective duties. The Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels will ensure that no one else is allowed to enter or leave the Chapter Room while those Credentials, Registration, and First Aid are balloting. There will be a Past Grand in that area. Let me talk to you about the ballots. You were given a voting package which contained five ballots. A, B, C, D & E for candidates and F, G, and H for “for” and “against”. And we have already used one of those beautiful “for” and “against”. We may need them today. We would respectfully request that you try to keep your ballot as clean as possible. They will be hand counted by those that have been previously notified and assigned a table. This will cut down on our time. We would also like for these ballots to be as straight and as clean as possible so do try to keep this clean and it will speed up our process for which we proceed with our election. Your vote is important to you, your Chapter and the candidate and to our Order. Do not mark until you are instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the letter of the ballot to be marked. And she will declare the ballot open and at that time you will mark clearly, a circle, a circle around the name you are voting for. To write in a name, write in the name of your choice in the space provided at the bottom of the ballot. When you are voting, please vote for only one for each position because if you circle two, you’re void. You have voided your vote. Please do not fold your ballot. When the ballots are collected we would ask that you simply place them facedown. This is for secrecy and security. Now, our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed since the seats are so close to each other that the Pages will be allowed to pass the ballot down the aisle just as you would be collecting offering at your church. So as the ballot box passes in front of you, simply place the ballot in the box facedown. We would then ask that the Pages are the only ones in the aisles during the collection of the ballots. We will not open the ballot until the Pages have returned...we’ll not open the *doors* until the Pages have returned to the Grand Chapter floor and are located at the Tellers tables with the collected ballots. The ballot having been closed by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Pages will deposit the ballots on the tables that she will indicate. We have six tables, three in the north and three in the south. In a short time our Worthy Grand Matron, and they are already in place, will call for the Tellers. They were mailed a card to be in place at 10:00. And if more are needed, our Worthy Grand Matron is ready and I see that the beautiful membership has done just what she’s asked. Let me repeat, no one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is to be placed face down in the ballot box and no one is to leave the room or ask anyone to deposit their ballot for them. After the presiding officer declares the ballot open and the nominations have been completed, the Pages will do their beginning collection in their assigned area. When all ballots have been completed they will be processed to the Tellers tables and placed in the ballot. There will also be monitors at the tables. Judges as our Worthy Grand Matron has designated. They will observe the processing of the ballots. In the case that a ballot is in question by the Teller, we will receive the ballot and check to determine the intent of the voter. As an example, Sisters and Brothers if someone marks a ballot and then decides to erase the first circle and they have not erased it enough and the Teller may seem to think that it is two in the same race. If it is obvious that someone has tried to erase the first circle then we as the observers will count the ballot, it will be considered a valid vote. Also you are not supposed to use check marks or x’s. Please circle the name. But if you find that it is clearly intended who they are voting for, we will count the ballot. If there is a blank line, and there is for a write in, please write that name on the line and circle that name. If one or more positions require a second ballot the voting delegates will be instructed as to which ballot to use and the names of the remaining candidates will be given. In previous years we have had our non-voters sit in a designated area. Our Worthy

Grand Matron is kind and loving and she has decided and declared that all of you wherever you are seated may remain. You are with your friends and you are with your family and you may be a voter next year so we want you to be comfortable and observe what is going on. Warders and Sentinels remember that a non-voting delegate does not have an envelope nor a badge that says voting delegate. It says non-voting and they will be allowed without an envelope. Let me repeat. Remember, you only have one vote, one time and the ballot that you have been given in your individual registration packet, it should always be in your possession and no one is allow to vote twice. We are requesting this year that no one be in the area where the machines will be tabulating the numbers from the tables. Those individuals who will be running the machines are; Mark Dieckmann, Leslie Lowry, Sherry Dieckmann, Shawn Albrecht, Terri Rozell, and Judy Tucker. Sisters and Brothers, every vote will be counted and will be tabulated at least twice. No less than that, and all will have to balance. Thank you very much for your understanding in the fact that we will be counting. But more than that, thank you for the service that you are giving to Grand Chapter and thank you to each Teller, Monitor and Machine Operator for assisting the Committee and the Judge and your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in the endeavor of the election. Worthy Grand Matron, if at this time you would indicate if we need any more Tellers and if our tables are full, if they are not, and once we fill those and I get two more Judges, we are ready. I believe I'm short some people on six. I'm also requesting that the Past Grands that are on table four I believe it is, oh, you were notified to switch, okay. Wonderful. Table one, are you full? You got eight? Table two how many do you have? You have eight? Table number three? Number four?

WGM Vi Griffin: You have 10. Okay, table number five? You have seven. Will one of those from four move to six. So we have eight at each table. Okay, you have nine, who's going to volunteer to leave? (Laughter)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron for all due respect and fairness to every candidate that is running, on the Associate Grand Conductress races for each ever table you place it, after the ballots have been individually stacked and are in order and they have their tally sheets numbered the individuals that are at supposedly table three and four will stand and they will go to the next table and the table Tellers at the other table will move to this one. We will rotate tables we are not going to rotate ballots. Once they are sorted there will be a second check by an entirely different person from a different table. And this is going to happen on the Associate Grand Conductress' race. On other ballots we will just move the ballots from across the table unless we see there's a difference that we need to do.

WGM Vi Griffin: Okay, where did you need Judges? John Creel at the table with Mark Dieckmann. I can't see what Past Grands are left in the West. Brother Jerry Martin? Sister Bess Caldwell? No... I don't think that Sister Joyce Nicklas needs to be standing that long. Thank you very much.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Bring Sister Joyce Nicklas down and have her stationed in the area. That way if there is a question then she will relay it.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Bess I appreciate your willingness to do this but with your daughter on the ballot I don't think it looks good. (Laughter) We're all set?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sister Joyce Nicklas is going to come down. She is going to be stationed over here by this beautiful rocking horse. If you have any questions, any concerns, that you would like to voice please come to her and she will get my attention. And then we're going to keep her in one station, one area and then you will go to her for your questions. Please do not talk to, please do not ask question of, and please do not interfere with the people running the machines. They are going to be very very busy. So if you're going to go get a Coke and you have to tell one of them, you're just going to have to wait.

WGM Vi Griffin: Okay, Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to begin the election of Officers. Please invite all those outside except the Assistant Grand Sentinels to enter the Grand Chapter room if they want to participate in the election. You will inform the Grand Sentinel that no one may enter the Grand Chapter room after the doors are closed. I understand that Registration went back to their room so someone may want to run right now and tell them that they better get a move on.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to ballot, begin the balloting of candidates. You are to inform the Assistant Grand Sentinels and Warders that they are to allow no one to enter after we begin the ballot. Allow those from Registration to come in and place their ballots. And Worthy Grand Matron is there something else I forgot?

WGM Vi Griffin: First Aid, somebody needs to go tell them in First Aid, Credentials and Registration.

Grand Warder: Credentials, Registration and First Aid are to be notified.

WGM Vi Griffin: The golf cart drivers have all been informed.

Grand Sentinel: Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels, we will close the doors to the Grand Chapter and allowing only those previously mentioned to enter and cast their ballots and report when the doors are closed.

WGM Vi Griffin: At the door in the West, we are going to give the Registration Committee fair chance to get here.

Grand Warder: They understand Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: How far away is it?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: I think we're ready.

WGM Vi Griffin: Brother Jerry Trees, would you please assume the position as a monitor at this third central counting table.

Grand Warder: There are no voting delegates in First Aid Worthy Grand Matron. We're still

waiting on Registration.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Lou, do you see anybody running down the hall? Do the security guys know what we're doing? Oh, thank you Brother Travis.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron, Registration is on the way.

WGM Vi Griffin: Did I tell you about Boudreaux, Tibideaux, and the new dog? (Laughter) Tibideaux come walking down the street and he's got this dog under his arms and it's the ugliest dog you ever saw. Boudreaux said "Good Lord where you get that dog and what kind is it?" Tibideaux say "it's a summa dog." Boudreaux say "What you mean he's a summa dog?" Tibideaux say "he sum of dis and sum of dat". (Laughter)

Grand Sentinel: Worthy Grand Matron, I've been notified that we need someone from security outside. Someone has parked a vehicle on the sidewalk. (Laughter)

WGM Vi Griffin: A vehicle, not a golf cart? (Laughter)

Grand Sentinel: I believe a regular car.

WGM Vi Griffin: And I bet the bumper sticker says "If you don't like the way I drive, stay off the sidewalk". (Laughter) But now what do we do about Brother Travis? He went to get the car off the sidewalk. Well, Boudreaux went walking down past Tibideaux house and there's a big sign in the yard that says "Boat for Sale". And he went around the back where Boudreaux was and said "Why you got that sign in the yard that says "Boat for Sale"? You don't own a boat." He said "Yeah, but you see that old pickup there? And that green pickup there?" He say "Yeah"...Tibideaux say "They boat for sale". (Laughter) Oh, they better hurry. (Laughter)

Grand Sentinel: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: I now declare the ballot open. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Nominations are now open for Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Vi Griffin.

WGM Vi Griffin: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Vi Griffin, Worthy Matron and Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649 and I am honored to place in nomination the name of Sister Annette Curry, a Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684 for the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

WGP David Dibrell: Sister Annette Curry has been nominated to the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to vote by acclamation. All of you that will have Sister Annette Curry for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say aye. (Aye) Opposed no...the aye's have it. Sister Annette you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGM Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Patron, I do and thanks to this wonderful membership. I hope I do not disappoint. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM David Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you. Nominations are now in order for Worthy Grand Patron for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother David Dibrell.

WGP David Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, I am David Dibrell, Past Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574. I place the name of Brother William A. "Bill" Crews, a Past Patron of Polytechnic Chapter #420 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Brother William A. "Bill" Crews has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Brother William A. "Bill" Crews for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, no. And of course there is none. Brother Bill Crews you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGP Bill Crews: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept with humble feelings and with the support of Grand Chapter, I will do my best. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Bill. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

AGM Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Annette Curry, a Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684. I place the name of Sister Jayne Yenger in nomination, a Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Jayne Yenger has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Jayne Yenger for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, please say "Aye". (Aye) Any opposed? I didn't think so. Sister Jayne Yenger you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GC Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a humble heart that I do accept this nomination. Thank you so much. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognized Brother Travis Nolton.

Brother Travis Nolton: Worthy Grand Matron, the car parked on the sidewalk is a tan Ford Fusion. Its license number GJK 496. It has a placard lying on the dashboard that says City of Beaumont, Police Department, Official Business. It has no official visit because it is blocking the entrance to this building, it's in the fire lane and several other violations. Please remove it. (Laughter)

WGM Vi Griffin: Brother Travis, we have the doors secured for this election. If the owner of that vehicle is in this room, meet Brother Travis Nolton right back there and we'll figure it out how to get you out there.

Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Barbara Russell.

Sister Barbara Russell: Hello, I am Barbara Ann Russell, Worthy Matron of Big Spring Chapter #67. It is my honor and privilege to nominate Brother Trey Smith a member of Big Spring Chapter #67 and a Dual Member and Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Barbara. Brother Trey Smith has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Trey Smith for the office of Associate Grand Patron say "Aye". (Aye) Any opposed? Brother Trey Smith you have been elected for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Brother Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, with the help of the good Lord and my family and this great membership, I very happily accept. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Nominations are now in order for Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Jane Pyle.

Sister Jane Pyle: I am Jane Pyle, Worthy Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I place in nomination the name of Marlene Scholari a Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 for the office of Grand Secretary for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Marlene Scholari has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Marlene Scholari for the office of Grand Secretary please say "Aye". (Aye) Any opposed? Sister Marlene you have been elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GS Marlene Scholari: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to continue to try to do to the best of my ability to maintain our Grand Chapter records and work for the membership of this Order. I appreciate all your kindness and courtesies and I will work to the best of my ability to do what we can do for this Grand Chapter. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Lois Tabor.

Sister Lois Tabor: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Lois Tabor, Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Lorrie Owens, Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935 and a Dual member of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103 for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Lorrie Owens has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Lorrie Owens for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year please say "Aye". (Aye) Sister Lorrie Owens, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GT Lorrie Owens: Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank this kind membership for allowing me to serve you another year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Nominations are now in order for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Jayne Yenger.

GC Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron I am Jayne Yenger a Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32. I place in nomination the name of Sister Cheryl Albrecht a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Cheryl Albrecht has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Cheryl Albrecht for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year please say "Aye". (Aye) Any opposed? Sister Cheryl Albrecht you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I hope the years slow down a little bit after this year because this one has flown by but thank you membership, I do accept and I promise to you to do the very best that I can. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: I can tell you Sister Cheryl that the years fast forward. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Nominations will be made in this order:

Sister Susan Bigham

Sister Sandra Zipp

Sister Jerre Lucas

Sister Melissa Hudman

Sister Christine Armstrong

These were drawn with the candidates all present at Swampfest.

Sister Margie Hatley: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Margie Hatley, Worthy Matron, Wills Point Chapter #366 and it is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Susan Bigham, Past Matron of Wills Point Chapter #366 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Margie. Susan Bigham has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations?

Brother Ron Zipp: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ron Zipp, Worthy Patron of New Braunfels

Chapter #771. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sandra Zipp, Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Sandra Zipp has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? And while she comes forward I'm going to ask where are the Arrangements Committee to put the names on the easel.

Sister Emily Johnson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Emily Johnson, Worthy Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I am pleased to place the name of Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Jerre Lucas has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations?

Sister Cindy Rogers: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I am Cindy Rogers of Loyal Chapter #648. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Melissa Hudman, a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Melissa Hudman has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations?

Sister Arlene Squires: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Arlene Squires, Worthy Matron of Alvin Chapter #15 and it is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Christine Armstrong, a Past Matron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #1131 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Christine Armstrong has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers I would like to introduce to you – in the order in which they were nominated: Sisters

Susan Bigham
Sandra Zipp
Jerre Lucas
Melissa Hudman
Christine Armstrong

Sisters, know we appreciate your willingness to serve Grand Chapter and I appreciate the service that you have given through the years. Sisters and Brothers, please listen carefully. We will ballot on ballot number B as in "Boy". We need the ballot collection boxes. Are they where I can't see them and in the room? Okay, if you are ready for us, we're ready for you and I would instruct the Deputy Grand Matrons, all my little chick-a-dees. I declare the ballot open. I thought I did a long time ago. Deputy Grand Matrons when you have collected the ballots, they need to be deposited on tables one and two but do not deposit the ballots until I tell you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron would you like to make the announcement that when the Tellers come down they will deposit, they will stand behind table one and two when all the ballots have been collected and table one and two, my Judges will then in turn take the finished ballots after we have collected and they will go on to the first table with my machines and that is Mark Dieckmann and Leslie Lowry running your tickets.

WGM Vi Griffin: Now why would I want to make that announcement? You just did!

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Well, we got it done. (Laughter)

WGM Vi Griffin: We're going to hear our Vivacious Voices cause I'm out of jokes. (Laughter).

(Choir sings "I'll Fly Away")

Someone needs to go up and collect the ballots. See up there? Up in section 128 and 126. Deputy Grand Matrons, table one and two. There standing back there behind table three and I don't want them ... I have to see it how it is. Sisters and Brothers if you received an IOU from the Grand Treasurer for an Endowed Membership pin, she has those pins at her desk. And there are Endowed Membership pins for sale. Have all the ballots been collected? No... Does anyone still have ballot number B, letter B in their hand? Have all the Assistant Grand Sentinels voted who are entitled to do so? I declare the ballot closed and you will deposit your ballots on table one and two. Nominations are now open for the ... Sisters and Brothers, the doors are still secured. Nominations are now open for the office of the Board of Directors, District Two. I recognize Sister Karen Kidd.

Sister Karen Kidd: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Karen Kidd. I am a Past Matron of Abilene Chapter #30. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Audri Rowell who is a Past Matron of Abilene #30 for the Board of Directors, District Two.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Audri Rowell has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District Two. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Audri Rowell for the office of Board of Directors, District Two, please let it be known by saying "Aye". (Aye) Any opposed say Nay. Sister Audri Rowell, you have been elected to the Board of Directors, District Two. Do you accept? I am pleased to introduce to you Sisters and Brothers, Sister Audri Rowell.

Sister Audri Rowell: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a gracious heart that I say thank you to the membership for the confidence you have shown and I therefore accept this position of service. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Nominations are now open for the office of the Board of Directors, District Three.

Sister Patty Peach: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Patty Peach, Worthy Matron of Leander Chapter #73. With pleasure I would like to place in nomination the name of Sister Jean Hobbs, a Past Matron of Leander #73 for the office of the Board of Directors, District Three.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Jean Hobbs has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District Three. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to vote by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Jean Hobbs for the Board of Directors, District Three let it be known by saying "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed say Nay. I am pleased to introduce to you Sister Jean Hobbs. Sister Jean you have been elected to the Board of Directors for District Three. Do you accept?

Sister Jean Hobbs: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you very much. I do accept. I thank the membership of Grand Chapter for this honor. I hope to do the best that I can to serve you. Thank you very much.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you membership. This is a whole lot different than it is in your Chapter. Nominations are now in order for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District One.

Sister Sherry Fowler: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Sherry Fowler, Past Matron of Fairfield Chapter #331 and Associate Matron and Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395. It is my pleasure to nominate Carolyn Martin, Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Carolyn Martin has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One. Are there other nominations?

Sister Marjorie Middleton: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Marjorie Middleton, Worthy Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Shelley Walker, a Past Matron of Farmers Branch #687 and Lewisville #935 for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District One for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Shelley Walker has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers I want to introduce to you in order of their nomination: Sisters Carolyn Martin and Shelley Walker. Sisters and Brothers lets thank these two for their willingness to serve. Sisters and Brothers, we will ballot on ballot D as in "Dog". I declare the ballot open. (Music) Have the ballots been collected in the upper level?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, what I have in my hand might make the difference in a race. We have had individuals vote on ballots "C" for Associate Grand Conductress and those that have voted on ballot "A" for Associate Grand Conductress. I believe one of my Judges has a hand up, do you have another one? She has another couple. Those ballots can not and will not be counted because they were not on ballot "B" as the Worthy Grand Matron has instructed. Now if we run another race, these are out at that time also because they were deposited at the wrong time. Sisters and Brothers, these votes are null and void and you have lost your vote for the next race. Please be careful on the ballot that you put into the boxes as they are the ones she has requested. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Have all the ballots been collected? Deputy Grand Matrons, if you will deposit your ballots on tables 3 and 4. I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are going to open the doors for a

few minutes but they will be secured again shortly, Sisters and Brothers.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are going to open the doors for a short time. Those that need to leave for emergency purposes will be allowed to leave but should come right back because they are going to be closed shortly.

Grand Sentinel: Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels, you will open the doors to the Grand Chapter.

WGM Vi Griffin: Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.
(Music)

(Gavel returned to WGM Vi Griffin) Sisters and Brothers it has come to my attention that Sister Elsie Paladino did not move the adoption of the Jurisprudence Report and she is ready to do so at this time. I recognize Sister Elsie Paladino.

PGM Elsie Paladino: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I think we have completed, in fact, I know that we have completed all of the Jurisprudence business at this time for this Grand Chapter. I move the adoption of the Jurisprudence Committee Report.

WGP David Dibrell: Second

WGM Vi Griffin: I have a motion we adopt the report of the Jurisprudence Committee and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the Jurisprudence Committee Report please raise your green cards. Any opposed? Sister Elsie your report is adopted and your duties are completed beautifully. Sisters and Brothers while I have your attention, we're going to play a little game. We're going to play "Let's Make a Deal". Okay? Listen carefully. This is a deal. I will announce the results of every election as soon as I receive them IF the Chapter representatives will promise to remain in this Grand Chapter room that we may have a quorum to conduct the remaining, any remaining business. Is it a deal? (Yes) Okay, let me see those yellow cards. Is that a quorum? It's a deal. We're going to secure the doors in about two minutes. (Music) Sister Charlene Stringer if you are in this room will you come to the Grand Secretary's desk? Sisters and Brothers, the Grand Sentinels tell us that there is a long line at the concession stand and long lines at the restrooms still and we want everybody to have time to do what they have to do and get back in here so we're going to go ahead and do the presentations of our "Dynamic Chapter Awards" and you know we designed this "Dynamic Chapter Award" to get your Chapter involved in several areas. We wanted them to be visible in the community. We wanted you to support our programs. We wanted you to mentor your new members and to learn just as much as you could learn. And I am so pleased and so proud that we have 36 Dynamic Chapters in the state of Texas and we have a great big stack of nearly Dynamic Chapters and I want to commend all of you for coming together and working under the leadership of the Vivacious Ladies and the Distinguished Gentlemen and I hope that this program has strengthened your Chapter because that's what it was designed to do, to grow your Chapter strong. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you are so proud of these 11 Chapters in District 1 and I am going to allow you to call those names and make those presentations.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and we want the, hopefully the

Vivacious Lady or the Distinguish Gentleman to come accept the award for your Chapter. Now if you are working as a Teller and you can't get away maybe your counterpart or the other person will be willing to come up. From District 1, the Number One District in the state of Texas, (Yeah! Applause) Carpenters Chapter #183, Pine Tree Chapter #1090, Dallas Chapter #1, Farmers Branch Chapter #687, Gainesville Chapter #1123, Jefferson Chapter #627, Athens #177, Lewisville #935, Richardson #921, and Dal-Cliff #574.

WGM Vi Griffin: They may have Dynamic Chapters but they don't know instructions. (Laughter) Out in District 2 we have Lubbock #76, Sister Cindy Echols and Brother Jim Roadwald, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron and I want you to know that Lubbock had completed all of their requirements on the Dynamic Chapter Award, except they had not participated in a TMRC event and I want you to know that four members of that Chapter drove to TMRC to participate in, I think, the Beach Party and then they drove right back home so they really wanted this award. (Applause)

WGP David Dibrell: District 3 we have 7 Chapters. District 3: Vashti #32, Polytechnic #420, Killeen #490 - Oops – District 1, I omitted Pittsburg #381. I apologize Pittsburg. Okay, where are we on 3? Okay, we did Polytechnic, Killeen #490, Springtown #498, North Fort Worth #684, Bellmead #980, TMRC Daylight #1145, Mart #109 and Taylor #578. And we have an Honorable Mentioned, Hadassah #188.

WGM Vi Griffin: In District 4 they are just as Dynamic as they are everywhere else even if we are on the side of the Swamp. District 4: Lufkin #382, Yea! Sister Rosie, Denise Marshall and Hal Greer, Pearland Chapter #1065, Hemphill #375, Alvin #15, Huntington #938, New Caney #1093, Conroe #710, Cypress #1102 and I've had everyone in District 4 Section 2 so busy doing things for Grand Chapter that Port Neches Chapter #677 is our representative. (Applause) And El Campo Chapter #535.

WGP David Dibrell: And finally Worthy Grand Matron, from District 5: Home of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bandera #643, Aransas Pass #162, Seguin #555, Bexar #616, and Adah #49. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you all. We appreciate all of the Chapters who strived to achieve the Dynamic Award status. We commend your efforts and we congratulate these. (Applause) Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron

WGM Vi Griffin: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that the doors are to be secured as we prepare for the remainder of our elections.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel the doors are to be secured.

Grand Sentinel: Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels the doors are to be secured and report when they are secured. Sister Grand Warder, the doors are secured.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secured.

WGM Vi Griffin: We will proceed with our elections. For the Board of Grand Examiners District 2, are there any nominations?

Sister Rosemary Williams: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Rosemary Williams, Worthy Matron from Big Spring Chapter #67. I would like to place in nomination the name of Carla Stringer, a member of Midland #253 and Dual with Big Spring Chapter #67 for the office of Board of Grand Examiners District 2 for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Carla Stringer has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners District 2. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Carla Stringer for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 2 please say "Aye". (Aye) Any opposed? Sister Carla Stringer you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners District 2, do you accept?

Sister Carla Stringer: Worthy Grand Matron with love and thanks to the membership of the great state of Texas I do accept. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Examiners District 3.

PGM Elise Hammack: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Elise Hammock, Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684. I wish to place in nomination the name of Donna Hill Pope for the office of Grand Examiner for District 3.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Donna Hill Pope has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners District 3. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we'll proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Donna Hill Pope for the office of Board of Grand Examiners District 3 say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed. Sister Donna. I am pleased to introduce Sister Donna Hill Pope. You have been elected to the office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 3, do you accept?

Sister Donna Hill Pope: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and to the membership, I very humbly accept. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Donna. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners District Four.

Sister Jerrie Schwetman: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerrie Schwetman a Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102. I wish to place the name of Sharon Mosmeyer in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 4 for the ensuing year.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Sharon Mosmeyer has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Sharon Mosmeyer for the office of Board of Grand Examiners District 4, say "Aye". (Aye) Any opposed? Sister Sharon Mosmeyer. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners for District 4. Do you accept?

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron and to the membership, with a grateful heart, I do accept. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Examiners, Examiner At-Large. Oh, did I skip 5? I did. Nominations are now in order for the office of Board of Grand Examiner District 5. I'm sorry.

Sister Peggy Blackman: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Peggy Blackman and I am Worthy Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023. I wish to place the nomination the name of Linda Winn Christensen a Past Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023 and Gonzales Chapter #403 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Linda Winn Christensen has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners District 5. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Linda Christensen for the office of Board of Grand Examiners District 5 say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed no. Sister Linda. I am pleased to present to you Sister Linda Christensen. Sister Linda you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners District 5. Do you expect...accept? (Laughter)

Sister Linda Winn Christensen: Worthy Grand Matron, with humble heart and appreciation to the membership, I do accept and I also expect.

WGM Vi Griffin: Did they tell you what to expect? (Laughter, Applause) Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Examiners, Examiner At-Large. Are there any nominations?

Sister Cheri Knoll: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron my name is Cheri Knoll a Past Matron of Wedgwood Chapter #756. It is with great pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Lillian Sissy Furrie a Past Matron from Haltom City Chapter #982 and a Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Wedgwood Chapter #756 for the Board of Grand Examiners, At-Large. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Sissy Furrie has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiner, the At-Large position. Are there other nominations?

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Naomi Wolfe a Past Matron of Andral Vann #741 and a Dual member of Spring Chapter #1105. It is my honor and privilege to place the name of Laura Sharp, Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741 for the office of Grand Examiner At-Large.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Laura Sharp has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, the At-Large position. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to introduce to you in the order of their nomination, Sisters Sissy Furrie and Laura Sharp. We want to thank each of you for your willingness to serve. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers we will ballot on ballot "E" as in Excellent and only on ballot "E". I declare the ballot open. (Music) We have ballots in the East that have not been collected. (Music) There are ballots in the top section of 124 that haven't been collected and the middle of 122 and 123. Up in the crow's nest there are some that have not been collected. Sisters and Brothers

as they finish collecting these ballots, on the Dynamic Chapter Awards, there were three in District 4 that my District Deputy had the paperwork on time and Sister Terri has been involved in a major major production at work and she failed to forward – she notified the Chapters but she didn't tell the Worthy Grand Matron. And I want to recognize Mary Martha Chapter #98 in Conroe, Brazoria Chapter #74, and West Columbia #705. And my District Deputy did call me on the phone and tell me that they had qualified, she just didn't get it to me. I'm a visual person. If I don't see it to transfer it from one paper to the next, it didn't happen. But to these three Chapters, your award will be mailed to your Chapter and we are as proud of you as we are the rest and I apologize for the misstep. Is that a ballot up at the door that has not been collected? Sister Linda, there is a ballot way up there I think, okay...it gets dark up there. (Laughter) Have all the ballots been collected? All the ballots have been collected. Deputy Grand Matrons you will deposit them on tables 5 and 6. I declare the ballot closed. Deputy Grand Matrons, I think that is the last ballot we'll have to collect. You may be seated. I may need you again. Sisters and Brothers we want to recognize the members of TMRC – the residents of TMRC who are members of our Order and are present here today. If the residents of TMRC would make their way to the East, if we could have some of the Arrangements Committee or some gentlemen back in the northwest corner to escort these residents of TMRC and while they are coming if the 50 year members, those who are to receive their 50 year recognition will assemble in the West we'll have you escorted to the East because we are proud of your service.

Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure and honor to present to you the residents of TMRC, all members of TMRC Daylight Chapter and a Dynamic Chapter indeed. I want you to know this Chapter wound up with Rocky for District 3, Section 1. They've had four new petitions for non-residents since June. So tell them we're impressed. (Applause) And we're inspired and I can't begin to express my appreciation that you would come over to my side of the Swamp for this Grand Chapter Session. We have had such good times together at the Delightful Days Celebrations this year. You have, as my District Deputy says, "pushed my happy button". Thank you for being here to participate. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to address these members.

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, it has indeed been a pleasure to be with these residents of TMRC and we've enjoyed attending the TMRC special parties that were held throughout the year. But I also had the opportunity to visit TMRC Daylight Chapter and I was just awe struck by the ritual perfection that this Chapter has. They are so good it's unbelievable. That you all continue your Eastern Star efforts in TMRC and we hope that you'll continue to grow and expand. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you so much. Do we have 50 year members? Are these all 50 year members that are ready to be escorted? That's a yes? Okay, Sister Grand Marshal will you please escort those members who have achieved 50 years of membership of the Order to the East. (Applause)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, will you please declare the ballot closed and the doors open? (The ballot had already been closed)

WGM Vi Griffin: I did declare the ballot closed a way long time ago.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Well, the Warders and Sentinels won't let anybody in.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that the doors can be unsecured.

Grand Warder: Grand Sentinel it is the order of the Worthy Grand Matron that the doors be unsealed.

Grand Sentinel: Assisting Grand Warders and Sentinels you may open the doors.

WGM Vi Griffin: I apologize. I am so pleased to recognize these 50 year members. I'm not too sure that I will ever be among that group. But these have worked so diligently for so many years to promote and to preserve our Order and we appreciate each of you for your love and devotion and for your hard work. And I am pleased to introduce them to you and they told me they wouldn't shoot me if I didn't get their Chapter number.

Sarah Coursey
Juana Witson
June Adair
Wylma Peacock
Hilda Franklin
Connie Duke
Carol Hildebran
Dorothy White
Ruby Dorman
Shirley Scholl
Jeannette Rife
Ruth James
Bobbie Dyer

Show them your appreciation. (Applause) Sister Bobbie Dyer is a 60 year. My! (Applause) These are possibilarians to the nth degree and we appreciate all of you being here to participate in this Session. Worthy Grand Patron do you want to greet these fine fine hard working persevering, members?

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It's really nifty to recognize these 50 year members and I'm not sure if I will ever make this group also, I started much later but these ladies and gentlemen have worked diligently for many years to promote and preserve the Order. We appreciate your love and devotion and we hope to see you back here next year and the next and the next and the next...Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: If we could have all of the 2011-2012 Arrangements and the Executive Committee somewhere back there in the back. Just get all grouped up if you are wearing a green jacket this morning. You all line up so good that I didn't even have to ask the Grand Marshal to go and getcha! (Laughter) How do I begin..(to the Worthy Patron) you may have to read it. How do I begin to tell you how very much I appreciate all that you have done to make this Grand Chapter a success? Everyone in this room knows that a Grand Chapter doesn't just happen and you've been so diligent in your duties and you've gone out of your way to make each member welcome. Please know that I am so very proud of each of you.

You accepted your office graciously and performed your duties beautifully and I want you to know that each of you are special, special, special to me and I thank you most sincerely from the bottom of my heart. Without Brother Ben Clegg as our Executive Chairman and Brother Sunny Wise as our Arrangements Chairman to arrange it all...(Applause) it just wouldn't have happened. And I want you to know when the dust settles we're all going down to Winnie and have a great big 'ol fish fry. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to express your appreciation?

WGP David Dibrell: I certainly would Worthy Grand Matron because anyone who has ever served on any of these, Arrangements or Executive Committee knows what a fabulous job or what a daunting job it can be. But each one of you have performed so well. It has been an almost seamless Grand Chapter Session. At this point of view, it's amazing how well y'all have performed. There have been absolutely no problems in any way anywhere along the way. Right? (Right!)

WGM Vi Griffin: Right answer! (Laughter)

WGP David Dibrell: Seriously, there seems to be nothing left un-thought of or left undone and we thank you from the bottom of our heart. It was not just the Worthy Grand Matron and I, everyone here attending appreciates what y'all have done. So let's all thank them for their efforts. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: Okay, now go back to work. (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers I have an election to announce. We know that these candidates make many, many miles and smile many, many smiles so willingly. And we would want to in every instance be kind and considerate of the feelings of these candidates. So with that admonition I would say that in the race for Grand Examiner of District 1, there were 1,772 total votes cast. 887 are needed to win. Sister Carolyn Martin – 929, Sister Shelley Walker - 842 and 1 write in. Sister Carolyn Martin will you please come forward. Sister Carolyn Martin you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners for District 1. I congratulate you and do you accept?

Sister Carolyn Martin: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a grateful and humble heart that I accept this trust that you have placed on me. And I thank you so much for affording me the opportunity to be of service to the Grand Chapter and to the membership. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you. Let's see, we're going to have another Grand Chapter next year. Guaranteed, Sister Annette, right? Okay, is Brother Larry Hart in the room? Grand Marshal will you escort Sister Annette and Brother Bill to the East and they can come by the same marching line. (Circus music is being played on the piano). Brother Larry Hart, I invite you as the Executive Chairman for 2012-2013 to issue an invitation to this Grand Chapter membership for the Grand Chapter Session next year.

Brother Larry Hart: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron before I make this invitation, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to your Executive Committee and your Arrangements Committee for all the help they have given us during our time here and especially for the assistance in making sure that Sister Annette and Brother Bill's Installation will go well tonight. In 2009 we held the 127th Session in Arlington for Past

Grand Matron Sister Joyce Nicklas and Past Grand Patron Brother Ray Hertenberger. The response from the membership at that time was great and we were told that it was a great venue and most had a wonderful time. After careful consideration of other sites and with help from the membership we have decided to go back to Arlington. With your affirmative vote the 131st Grand Chapter Session for Sister Annette Curry and Brother Bill Crews will be held at the Arlington Convention Center, August 12 -18, 2013. The convention center is down the street from Arlington's finest restaurants, the baseball field of the Texas Rangers and the World Champion Dallas Cowboys. (Yeah...Applause). The Arrangements Committee are hard at work already to assure that your stay in Arlington will be most pleasant and enjoyable. It is my pleasure at this time to introduce the individuals for the 131st Grand Chapter Session. Brother Jimmy Williams, Co-Chairman, Patricia Hart at table six, she is the Secretary Treasurer, Sister Lorraine Williams, Auditor and Brother Russell Hurdman out on the floor with all the Elephants is your Arrangements Chairman. And if you'd give them a big hand cause they're going to need it. (Applause) We are joined by the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City of Arlington, the membership of our Sisters and Brothers of District 3 in extending to you a special invitation to meet with us in Arlington next year. Worthy Grand Matron I move that the 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas be held in Arlington, Texas, August 12-18, 2013

WGP David Dibrell: Second

WGM Vi Griffin: We have a motion to accept the invitation of the 2012-2013 Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session in Arlington, a second from the Worthy Grand Patron. All those in favor raise your "right" green card. (Laughter) And tell them how much we look forward to coming to Arlington. The motion carries. (Applause)

Brother Larry Hart: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Annette, I want to say to you that I knew, I just knew in my heart that you would find a way to have a great big Birthday Party for me on August 16th. (Laughter)

Brother Larry Hart: Worthy Grand Matron just one more commercial interruption. We would like all of you here tonight for the Installation and especially the Arrangements Committee. We'd like you here about 4:30 today. Thank you.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Larry.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Would the Monitors on the tables please clear your tables of all the ballots that you have in front of you. There's a couple of boxes coming around. I need all ballots cleared off of the tables. Are all the ballots cleared off of your tables, will you give me a sign Judges?

WGM Vi Griffin: Brother Buddy Baker understands signs. (Laughter) I have the results of Ballot "B" for the office of the Associate Grand Conductress. We do not have an election. The total number of votes cast: 1,789 – the number of votes needed to elect: 895. The votes were cast: Sister Susan Bigham - 218, Saundra Zipp -169, Jerre Lucas - 821, Melissa Hudman - 230, Christine Armstrong – 351. Sisters and Brothers, Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that the doors are to be secured while we prepare to ballot on the Associate Grand Conductress.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel the doors are to be secured while we prepare to ballot for the Associate Grand Conductress.

Grand Sentinel: Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels you will secure the doors to the Grand Chapter and report when the doors are secured. Sister Grand Warder the doors are secured.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secured.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you. We will drop the name of Sister Sandra Zipp which will leave on this ballot Sisters Susan Bigham, Jerre Lucas, Melissa Hudman and Christine Armstrong. We will ballot on ballot "C" as in Cat and only on ballot "C". I declare the ballot open. Deputy Grand Matrons will collect the ballots.

I wonder if it would work if I entertained a motion to order Papa John's. (Yes! Applause) Well, let me consult with the Board of Directors to see if we can afford that. (Laughter) If the Deputy Grand Matrons, would part of you come around the room we're going to deposit ballots. If you will, deposit ballots on all six tables. I declare the ballot closed.

Grand Sentinel: Worthy Grand Matron may we open the doors?

WGM Vi Griffin: Yes

Grand Sentinel: Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels you may open the doors.

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers I have the announcement of a ballot. For the Board of Grand Examiners, the At-Large position 1,751 ballots were cast. 876 needed to elect. The votes were cast as follows: Sister Lillian Sissy Furrie - 714, Sister Laura Sharp 1,037. Sister Laura Sharp, will you please come to the East? Sister Laura Sharp you have been elected to the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, the At-Large position. Do you accept?

Sister Laura Sharp: Worthy Grand Matron, I am so excited and yes ma'am, I accept.

WGM Vi Griffin: Congratulations. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress will you please present the following members in back of Esther's Station: Sister Ruby Dorman, Brother Sunny Wise, Sister Dorris Clegg, Sister Sula Reilly, Sister Jeanette Rife, Sister Ellen Pickrell, and Sister Marlene Dibrell and Sister Jane Wert. I'll give you the list Marlene, you can get in the line. If we have members who are near and dear to the heart of these members that I have just called, they may make their way to the East.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, we have all but one, I believe Ruby Dorman is she in the Assembly room?

WGM Vi Griffin: You know, she received her 50 year membership and she might have thought she got all she was gonna get and she might have gone home. She doesn't live far. Go ahead and present these.

Grand Conductress Jayne Yenger: You want us to go ahead?

WGM Vi Griffin: Yes. They're going to have to line up quicker than that, aren't they. (Piano player starts playing music very fast) (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the names that I have called and they stand before you in the West. And it is entirely fitting that I should end my tenure of service with special recognition to each of you for the service that you have rendered to our Order. Sisters and Brother it is with extreme pleasure and happiness that I introduce to you these who are about to be commissioned as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. (Applause). Sister Jane Wert, pack your bags for Australia. Sister Marlene Dibrell, I know you have close ties and close friends in the Grand Jurisdiction of California. Sister Ellen, get ready to go to Delaware. Sister Sula, I want you to represent the Grand Chapter of Montana. Sister Jeanette, we're going to New Jersey. Sister Dorris Clegg, I will accompany you for a change to the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon. Brother Sunny Wise, we want you to rest up a little bit and then get ready to represent Texas as you represent the Grand Jurisdiction of South Dakota. And Sister Ruby Dorman who may have left will represent Texas as she represents the Grand Jurisdiction of Bolivia, South America. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort these distinguished members to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct honor to present to you the newest Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas (three raps). You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (one rap) Thank you, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be seated in the Grand Chapter, I think they're probably going to disperse. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers I thought we were pretty close to through, and we are, but I want to call on the report of the Grand Examiners and I recognize Sister Melissa Hudman, Board of Grand Examiners for District 1 for her report.

Sister Melissa Hudman: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I've got to put my glasses on so I can read it.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT ONE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

As I come to the end of my tenure as your Grand Examiner, I am once again reminded of how truly wonderful and loving this membership is. It has been my honor to serve you as your Grand Examiner. I will never be able to express how much I appreciate all the acts of kindness and thoughtful expressions that I have been shown. I will always hold dear all the honorary memberships that I received. I know they took a vote of the chapter and they are truly special to me. Thank you for the love gifts, quilt squares, tickets and the many other courtesies extended. They were sincerely appreciated. The success of this year can only be made possible by the love and compassion that the membership has for our beautiful order.

Section	School	Fraternal Visit	2011-12 Totals	2011-12 1st Timers	Location	% of Prior Year
1	29	19	48	0	Gainesville	80%
2	11	50	61	3	Sherman	103%
3	20	32	52	9	Caddo Mills	121%
4	20	48	68	2	Mesquite	105%
5	22	39	61	3	Mesquite	84%
6	9	11	20	2	Palestine	87%
7	9	28	37	5	Palestine	90%
8	27	37	64	6	Marshall	142%
9	18	43	61	5	Omaha	102%
10	13	43	56	7	Quitman	117%
TOTAL	178	350	528	42		102%

A total of 528 “A” proficiency certificates were earned. No “B” certificates were issued.

Forty-two members earned their certificates for the first time this year. Congratulations on your achievement!

A detailed report by Chapter is on file in the Grand Secretary’s office. Each Chapter has been forwarded a list of their members who have earned Certificates of Proficiency.

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room. \$350.00 was given as a donation.

I was pleased to present a check to the Scottish Rite Hospital in the amount of \$1,100.00. This donation is the result of the generosity of the membership of Texas, and I thank all who made donations and signed my apron and chef’s hat.

I would like to give a very special thank you to Sister Marion Pierce, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1 and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1. Thank you for all your hard work. It was truly appreciated. You all did a fantastic job!

Sisters Dorris Clegg, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, and Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your encouragement and many acts of kindness, but most of all, your friendship.

Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Marlene, it is indeed a great pleasure to have you in my District. Thank you both for your love and support. I had a great time traveling with you during the school schedule.

Worthy Grand Matron, I enjoyed getting to know you better and traveling with you. Thank you and Tommy for the love, encouragement and support that you so graciously gave me. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are sincerely appreciated.

Again, please accept my sincere thanks for every courtesy you have extended to me personally, and to the Office of Grand Examiner. I am truly humbled and honored to have had the opportunity to serve you. It was such a pleasure to meet and make new friends and to

renew old ones along the way. Your love, support and encouraging words have given me many memories and made this journey one I will never forget.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for this experience. YOU will remain in my heart forever. Each and every single one of you. I hope each of you is blessed with nothing but beauty in your life journey. But, most of all, my wish for each of you is that you never forget what we have learned along this journey together.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Hudman, Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

It is now my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Carla Stringer, Board of Grand Examiners District 2.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 2

Sister Carla Stringer: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year of service to our Order and especially to the members of District 2. We are spread out over a large area of the State, but our love for the Order of the Eastern Star is strong.

It was my honor and privilege to attend all six schools in the District, giving renditions of the Secret Work at each school. The greatest joy in serving as Grand Examiner is the time that we can spend with the membership, encouraging them to learn and become proficient in their work.

At the beginning of this Grand Chapter year, District 2 had 34 chapters and 3,053 members.

A total of 227 "A" certificates were earned in District 2 this year.

Section 1	8
Section 2	34
Section 3	10
Section 4	15
Section 5	7
Section 6	35
Section 7	30
Section 8	74
Section 10	14
Total	227

No "B" certificates were earned this year.

Eight members earned their first certificate of proficiency this year.

I am so pleased to see members becoming more proficient in their work. The excitement shown by these members is very encouraging to me.

As always, we had proficiency stickers available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$171.00 was donated to this project.

I chose "Patriot Paws" as my project this year. A check on behalf of District 2 in the amount of \$568.00 was given to "Patriot Paws" because of your generosity.

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their support this year. Your friendship and encouragement have meant a great deal to me. I enjoyed traveling the school schedule with you.

It was a lot of fun to travel with Sisters Marlene Dibrell and Dorris Clegg. I have known both of you for years working with Rainbow Girls and it was enjoyable to be together on the School Trail.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2: I enjoyed visiting in each of your sections and getting to know the membership. All of you worked very hard in preparing for our schools and you helped make my job easier. To the District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Kay Hale - what a great time we had together. I enjoyed travelling and rooming with you. You did a great job!

To the membership of Texas, thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me to serve Grand Chapter in this office. It has been a year of wonderful memories and I have made many new friends. I look forward to being with everyone during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner, District 2

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Donna Hill Pope, Grand Examiner, District 3.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 3

Sister Donna Hill Pope: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3. It has been a privilege to serve as Grand Examiner this year. It has been a challenging year for me personally, but the members of District 3 have given me many cherished memories that brought great joy. I thank you for your patience and for your prayers.

There were 373 "A" Certificates earned in District 3 this Grand Chapter year.

Section 1	141
Section 2	46
Section 3	15
Section 4	6
Section 5	13
Section 6	19

Section 7	19
Section 8	45
Section 9	34
Section 10	35
TOTAL	373

Congratulations to the 21 members who earned their certificates for the first time. It brings great encouragement to have members become more proficient in their work and to embrace it with such enthusiasm. Congratulations also to the 13 members of TMRC Daylight Chapter for receiving their proficiency certificates.

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available and thank you also to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to have a signing apron in the Examining Room. A total of \$403.00 was generously donated to my apron project. These funds were donated to the residents in the Texas Masonic Retirement. Thank you, dear members, for helping to provide for the needs of these beloved members.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for making my first year as Grand Examiner so special. Your kindness, encouragement and patience served as my life-line to achieving a perfect rendition. While I was not able to travel with you as much as I would have liked, our time together was filled with great fun and adventure.

Sister Judy Baker, District Deputy Grand Matron and the wonderful Deputies of District Three, thank you for all your hard work and thoughtful preparations as you provided for our efficiency and convenience in the Examining Room.

And to the awesome membership, words cannot express the depth of my appreciation to you for your courtesy, kindness and support. You are the best!

Respectfully submitted, Donna Pope, Grand Examiner, District 3

And now it is my privilege to introduce my co-worker, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner, District 4.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 4

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer: Thank you, Sister Donna Pope, my friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

The members in District 4 did an outstanding job in their studies and accomplishments to obtain their proficiency certificates. It is my honor and pleasure to bring you this report as the Grand Examiner of District 4 for the Grand Chapter year 2011-2012:

Certificates of Proficiency

Section 1	62
Section 2	119
Section 3	51
Section 4	95
Section 5	66
Section 6	58
Section 7	71
Section 8	26
Section 9	29
Section 10	96

For a Grand total of 673 "A" Certificates
There were 0 "B" Certificates

Of these totals, 61 achieved an "A" Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report has been given to the Grand Secretary, which is a listing of the names from each chapter who have received their Proficiency Certificates this year. I have also mailed to each Chapter in District Four a list of the names of their members who were granted Certificates of Proficiency.

A total of \$554.00 was collected for the proficiency stickers. Also, \$3,319.48 was collected for my project of signing my apron and chef hat from each section. My project this year was donated to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Galveston unit.

I would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for helping to make this year one that I will never forget. Worthy Grand Matron, I enjoyed traveling with you and appreciate all your encouragement and wisdom.

Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther, thank you for all your kind words and thank you Worthy Grand Patron for the coffee!

I would especially like to thank Sister Terri Rozell, District Deputy Grand Matron. We managed to get our work done and had some time for fun and I enjoyed getting to know you better.

I would also like to thank the 10 Deputy Grand Matrons for all their courtesies and the special things they did to make my travels more enjoyable. All of the schools were planned well and every little detail was taken care of. All of you ladies were the best and I really enjoyed getting to know you better.

To Sister Dorris Clegg, the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the fun and especially the fellowship we shared. I am looking forward to more travels!

Most especially, I would like to thank the membership of District 4. Each one of you that helped me in any way, if you worked in the examining room, carried items, helped me set

up the Examining room, anything and everything you have done was not gone unnoticed. Each and every one of you is special to me and you know how the job of Grand Examiner cannot be done without the membership's help and I thank you.

I would now like to introduce my co-worker, Sister Sandra Zipp, Grand Examiner of District Five.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner District 4

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS
DISTRICT 5**

Sister Sandra Zipp: Thank you, Sister Sharon.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a distinct honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 5. This year has been a wonderful year of service made possible by the love and support of the sweet membership of District 5.

There were 315 "A" Certificates and 2 "B" Certificates earned in District 5 this year.

	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates
Section 1	12	0
Section 2	0	0
Section 3	38	0
Section 4	26	0
Section 5	20	0
Section 6	65	0
Section 7	86	2
Section 8	35	0
Section 9	18	0
Section 10	15	0
TOTAL:	<u>315</u>	<u>2</u>

District 5 is very pleased to have had 25 first timers. Congratulations on your achievement!

A total of \$317.00 has been turned in to the Grand Secretary's Office through donations made for proficiency stickers. Also, a total of \$365.00 was donated to the Grand Examiner's special project. These funds were designated to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston.

My friend, Sister Jane Hudson, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the 7 Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5, I commend you on a job well done. Sister Jane, your friendship, kindness and encouragement have been an inspiration to me.

What a joy it was for me to get to know Sister Dorris Clegg, Secretary to the Worthy Grand

Matron, as we traveled the District Five School schedule. I will treasure your friendship.

Worthy Grand Patron, I appreciate your unfaltering devotion and your willingness to be of service to our beautiful Order. I am grateful for all the kindnesses that you and Marlene have shown to me.

Worthy Grand Matron, I will cherish all of the wonderful memories we made as we traveled through District 5. You are truly a Vivacious Lady. The greatest satisfaction that can come into one's life is the knowledge of duties well performed and of having lived according to high principles.

To this sweet membership, I shall never cease to be grateful for the privilege of serving you in this capacity. I have held my office as a sacred trust, and as I relinquish it, it is with the wish that I may continue to serve in any way that may be asked of me. I have traveled many miles across this great state and formed many friendships which I will always treasure.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Zipp, Grand Examiner - District 5

It is my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

Sister Susan Bigham: Thank you Sister Sandra, my friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a distinct honor for me to present my final report as Grand Examiner at Large. Please know, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful privilege of serving you, the members of this Grand Chapter of Texas, in this position for the past five year. The success of my service was made possible by the support and encouragement of the members of this beautiful Order. I am especially grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Vi, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David, for your support and encouraging words. I have enjoyed watching and learning from both of you for many years.

I am so humbled by the opportunities I have had and the courtesies you extended, along with those smiles and hugs.

I would especially like to express a very special thank you to my co-workers: Sisters Melissa Hudman, Carla Stringer, Donna Pope, Sharon Mosemeyer, and Sandra Zipp. I am so very grateful for you friendship and support. Thank you for allowing me to assist you at many of the schools.

Thank you to those who assisted me in the Examining Room here at Grand Chapter

Finally, to my husband, Larry, I love you, and I appreciate your always being there with your love and support.

During this Grand Chapter Sesion, I am pleased to submit this report:

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY 2011-2012

“A” Certificates - 12

“B” Certificates - 0

First Timesr(s) - 1

Would you please stand as I call your name: Jeanette Sanders.

Proficiency Sticker donations for the Worthy Grand Matron’s Projects: \$25.00

Donations for Apron Signatures: \$50.00, which I have designated the proceeds to go to the Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital. Larry and I thank them so much for helping our grand-daughter, Catherine.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your love, support, and donations.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the six reports of the Board of Grand Examiners.

WGM Vi Griffin: We have a motion to adopt the six reports of the Board of Grand Examiners and a second from the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your green card. Any opposed? The reports are adopted. We need a photo op. I recognize Sister Marion Pierce, District Deputy Grand Matron District 1.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 1

Sister Marion Pierce: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters, and brothers.

It is a distinct Honor and great privilege to present the report of District 1, Our Worthy Grand Patron’s home district. The ten wonderful and very hard working ladies who served as the Deputy Grand Matrons of District One for the “Faith, Family and Friends” year have shown outstanding dedication to our Order. It is indeed a special privilege for me to recognize those who arranged the 2011-2012 Schools of Instruction for District One – the ladies known affectionately as:

“Marion’s Rockers”

Raymona Kirkpatrick, The Amber - our energetic “Rock”, along with the 13 chapters in Section 1, held the “Please Don’t Eat the Daisies” School on November 17, 2011 in Gainesville, with 122 in attendance.

Jan Lubbers, The Emerald - our friendship “Rock” along with the 9 chapters in Section 2, held the “Rockin’ Grand” School on November 15, 2011 in Sherman, with 119 in attendance.

Liz Beth Lachnitt, The Turquoise - our spiritual “Rock” - along with the 10 chapters in Section 3, held the “Rock Around the Clock” School on November 12, 2011 in Caddo Mills, with 202 in attendance.

Judith Croft, The Topaz - our self-confident “Rock” - along with the 9 chapters in Section 4 and Debora Boldin - The Jade - our generous “Rock” - along with the 15 chapters in Section 5, held the “Rocking with the Stars” School on November 19, 2011 in Mesquite, with 367 in attendance.

Sharon James, The Citrine - our heart “Rock” - along with the 5 chapters in Section 6 and Becky Cole - The Opal - our cheerful “Rock” - along with the 9 chapters in Section 7, held the “Daisies Among Friends” School on November 1, 2011 in Palestine, with 92 in attendance.

Nancy Parkinson, The Amethyst - our healing “Rock” - along with the 9 chapters in Section 8, held the “Rocking Toward the Stars” School on October 29, 2011 in Marshall, with 193 in attendance.

Andra Clay, The Garnet - our protective “Rock” - along with the 10 chapters in Section 9, held the “Dashing Daisies Across Texas with Family and Friends” School on November 8, 2011 in Omaha, with 111 in attendance.

Sharon Prague, The Aquamarine - our Calming “Rock” along with the 9 chapters in Section 10, held the “March of the Daisies” School on November 10, 2011 in Quitman, with 86 in attendance.

Total Attendance for the Schools in District 1 was 1,292.

Statistical Report for District 1

Chapters Assigned	83
Chapters Demised or Consolidated . .	3
Chapters Instituted or Constituted . .	1
Chapters Inspected	83
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	8
Schools Officially Attended	18
Schools unofficially attended	49
Letters Written	1,884
Miles Driven	64,809

District One began the Year with 83 Chapters and ended with 81 Chapters.

In October, Lindale Chapter #1147 was constituted.

In May, The Colony Chapter #1136 consolidated with Lewisville #935.

In January, Waxahachie \$599 consolidated with Lancaster #943.

In June, Gladewater #831 consolidated with Gilmer #355.

The Ten Dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1 join me in extending our heartfelt love and appreciation to:

Mrs. Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, Thank you for the honor of serving in your Grand Family, as District Deputy Grand Matron of District One. Your confidence in me has made it possible to “Rock.” This has been an honor for me and my chapters, Wolfe City #1129 and Bonham #852. Your untiring energy and knowledge of our work is always an inspiration. I enjoyed our miles together, and you taught me to be a “possiblitarian.” Thank You for your love.

Mr. David Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron, You are a very knowledgeable Worthy Grand Patron. You have helped each of us on our journey and your part in the Dynamic Duo is an inspiration to us all. You and Marlene, our Grand Esther, made our schools in District One successful. Thank you for being the “Best Worthy Grand Patron” THIS YEAR.

Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Grand Examiner District One, Thank You for being there with your kindness and encouragement. You always know just the right thing to say. You are the best roommate, and getting to renew and continue our friendship is so very special to me. We have a friendship that will last a lifetime.

Mrs. Kathy Paschal, Humanitarian, District One, Thank you for your smiling face, your hard work for our Order should be an inspiration for our members I will always enjoy our friendship.

Mrs. Dorris Clegg, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, Thank you for your hard work, you traveled many miles and wrote many letters. You are a pleasure to work with, and I enjoyed getting to know you.

Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, Thank you for the valuable assistance you have given to the Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for your love and devotion to the Order.

The Membership of District One - I will never be able to express how much I appreciate all the acts of kindness and thoughtful expressions that I have been shown as District Deputy Grand Matron. I am so grateful for everyone’s hard work and dedication in the District One Schools of Instructions, Banquets, and Fraternal Visits. I will always hold dear the honorary memberships, I know that they took the vote of the Chapters and they are very special to me. Everyone’s smile and eagerness to help and make us feel at home wherever we went and I will always have special thoughts of each of you. Your willingness to assist and your dedication to our Order is what have made this journey a success. Words cannot convey what my heart feels. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the membership of our beautiful Order. Thank You

Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to share this special year with you. You are a Vivacious Lady. What a joy it has been and we hope that you are pleased.

Respectfully submitted, Marion Lee Pierce, District Deputy Grand Matron, District One.

WGM Vi Griffin: I still say they are Marion's Messes. (Laughter)

Sister Marion Pierce: It is with Pleasure that I recognize Sister Kay Hale, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, to give her report.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT TWO

Sister Kay Hale: Thank you Sister Marion.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers all, it has been a great honor and privilege to serve this Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron of District Two. Our travels were far and wide, but the support and love of District Two was greater.

Worthy Grand Matron, I especially want to thank you for giving me my wonderful "Hale's Angels" to work with. Their love for our order, and you, definitely showed through in the work they performed for this Grand Chapter.

The Daisy Days School of Instruction for Sections 1, 2, & 3 was held in Canyon, Texas on September 23-24, 2011. Frances Guthrie, Jeanne Freedman, and Peggy Wright started our District Two journeys off well.

September 26-27, 2011 found us in Lubbock, Texas for the Golden Steps of Learning School of Instruction for Section 4, hosted by Tanya Meadows.

The School of Instruction for Sections 5 & 6 was held in Wichita Falls, Texas on September 28-29, 2011 and was hosted by Deborah Martin and Wanda Holland. Sadly, we lost Sister Deborah a few months ago.

September 30 and October 1, 2011 found us in Abilene, Texas for the Section 7 New Vines from Strong Roots School of Instruction, hosted by Sheryl Koltermann.

We traveled to El Paso, Texas October 3-4, 2011 for the Faith, Hope, and Family School for Section 10, hosted by Louise Pierce.

Our District Two travels ended on October 5-6, 2011 in Seminole, Texas for the Section 8 Rockin' and Learnin' School of Instruction hosted by Nadine Wilson.

Worthy Grand Matron, I don't have the words to express how much this appointment has meant to me. Your trust in me at times may have been greater than my ability, but I just want you to know how much I have enjoyed this year and the time that I have gotten to spend with you and the membership of District Two.

Worthy Grand Patron, it has been such a pleasure getting to know you and your beautiful wife, Marlene, our Grand Esther. You were always there to help and guide me along the way.

Sister Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner, District Two, your love for this order and for the membership certainly shines through. Traveling and rooming with you was definitely a bonus for me.

Sister Audri Rowell, Humanitarian Chair, District Two, your dedication in attending every school of instruction in District Two was inspiring.

To the other four District Deputy Grand Matrons, your love and support has meant so much to me during this last year. I love all of you and will cherish our friendships.

Again, a huge thank you to District Two for their love and support. Your hearts are as big as the wide open spaces of District Two. And, by the way, Worthy Grand Patron, we believe that you are the best Worthy Grand Patron we've had this year.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Hale, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two.

I want to introduce my Deputies for District 2 and by the way, my ladies have gone by the name of Hale's Angels this year, and they earned it.

Section 2 – Jeanne Freedman

Section 3 – Peggy Wright

Section 4 – Tanya Meadows

Section 8 – Nadine Wilson

Section 7 – Sheryl Kolterman

Section 10- Louise Pierce

Sadly, I did lose one of my Angels this year, Debbie Martin for Section 5. But we had a wonderful time "Rocking" across Texas. Thank you ladies.

Worthy Grand Matron, I recognize Sister Judy Baker, District Deputy Grand Matron District Three for her report.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT THREE

Sister Judy Baker: Thank you, Sister Kay Hale, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to present the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Three, also known as "Judy's Cuties". Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for selecting these wonderful Sisters to serve as your Deputies this year. You chose the cream of the crop.

I am pleased to present "Judy's Cuties". This is:

Donna Noe – Section 1

Delores Long – Section 2

Beverly Shoun – Section 3

Elaine Black – Section 5

Deb Turner – Section 6
Marcie Russell – Section 7
Norma Blalack – Section 8
Elaine Batchelor – Section 9
Debbie Farr – Section 10

The best Deputy Grand Matrons in Texas.

Mrs. Donna Noe and the 19 Chapters of Section 1 hosted “A Garden of Friends” School of Instruction in Fort Worth on Saturday, September 17, 2011 with 179 in attendance.

Mrs. Delores Long and the 8 Chapters of Section 2, Mrs. Beverly Shoun and the 4 Chapters of Section 3 and the 6 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the “Friends Weaving in Faith” School of Instruction in Weatherford on Saturday, September 10, 2011 with 179 in attendance.

Mrs. Elaine Black and the 4 Chapters of Section 5 and Mrs. Deborah Turner and the 6 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the “Rockin’ Stars of Central Texas” School of Instruction in Goldthwaite on Tuesday, September 13 with 120 in attendance.

Mrs. Marcelle Parrish-Russell and the 5 Chapters of Section 7 and Mrs. Elaine Batchelor and the 10 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the “Rockin’ From Our Side of the Swamp” School of Instruction in Waco on Saturday, September 3, 2011 with 163 in attendance.

Mrs. Norma Blalack and the 8 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the “Daisy Chain of Knowledge” School of Instruction on Thursday, September 8, 2011 with 160 in attendance.

Mrs. Deborah Farr and the 8 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the “Rockin’ Around the Daisies” School of Instruction in Hillsboro on Thursday, September 15, 2011 with 120 in attendance.

I and the 9 Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3 wish to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor of representing you in our District and Sections. We hope we made you proud.

We also thank Sister Donna Pope, Grand Examiner, District 3 for your beautiful and perfect renditions of the Secret Work. Your sweet personality and kindness to the membership will not be forgotten by the members in District 3.

Sister Sandy Trimble, Humanitarian Chairman for District 3 presented such interesting and informative programs at each School and we thank her for her dedication to our beautiful Order.

Mrs. Dorris Clegg, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and Mrs. Ellen Pickrell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron: We have enjoyed our time spent with the both of you and are amazed at the efficiency with which you serve our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. And, we thank you for taking care of us, too.

And, lastly, we thank the membership of District 3 for your hospitality, your support, the many courtesies extended to us, but, most importantly, we thank you for your friendship.

This, we will cherish forever.

**STATISTICAL REPORT
DISTRICT 3**

Chapters Assigned	76
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	75
Chapters Arrested	1
Schools Conducted	6
Schools Attended Officially	6
Schools Attended Unofficially	27
Letters Written	795
Miles Driven	18,242

Respectfully submitted, Judy Baker, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3.

It is now my great pleasure to introduce Sister Terri Rozell, District Deputy Grand Matron District 4.

**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
DISTRICT FOUR**

Sister Terri Rozell: Thank you Sister Judy Baker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with much love and pride that I present the report for District Four, our Worthy Grand Matron's home district. And thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor you have given the Deputies of District Four to serve the membership of our Order. It has truly been a delight to have worked with the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four. What a year it has been.

It is my honor and pleasure to introduce to you the Deputy Grand Matrons for District 4 who are firmly called "Rozell's Rascals":

Sister Linda Star – Section 1 – along with the 13 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the "Daisies in Bloom" School of Instruction on January 7, 2012 in Lufkin with 236 in attendance.

Sister Lura LaBove – Section 2 – and the 17 Chapters of Section 2 hosted the "Whoa... The Trail Ends in the Swamp" School of Instruction on January 28 in Port Arthur with 337 in attendance.

I believe I lost a Rascal – Sister Levon Turner of Section 3. Mrs. Levon Turner, and the 8 Chapters of Section 3 hosted the "Treasured Daisies" School of Instruction on January 10

in Livingston with 137 in attendance.

Sister Betty Duncan – Section 4 – along with the 13 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the “Camelot Revisited” School of Instruction on January 24, in New Caney with 176 in attendance.

Sister Francie Spirkoff – Section 5 – and the 13 Chapters of Section 5 hosted the “Rocking Through H-Town” School of Instruction on January 14 in Houston with 211 in attendance.

Sister Jeanette Davis – Section 6 – and the 9 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the “Rocking to Instruction” School of Instruction on January 19 in Franklin with 144 in attendance.

Sister Lee Sloan – Section 7 – and the 11 Chapters of Section 7 hosted the “Rocking Horse Faith and Learning” School of Instruction on January 12 in Conroe with 161 in attendance.

Sister Jennifer Cowden – Section 8 – and the 6 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the “Feeding the Daisies” School of Instruction on January 17 in Caldwell with 107 in attendance.

Sister Rhonda Ashcraft – Section 9 – and the 4 Chapters of Section 9 along with Mrs. Marita Lewis, and the 11 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the “Faith-Filled Heart of a Daisy” School of Instruction on January 26 in West Columbia with 204 in attendance.

And, Sister Marita Lewis is the Deputy Grand Matron for Section 10.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Deputy Grand Matrons of your home district. (Applause) Thank you ladies.

Total Attendance for the Schools of District Four was 1713.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT FOUR:

Chapters Assigned	105
Chapters Consolidated	1
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Constituted	1
Chapters Inspected	105
Schools Conducted	9
Schools Attended Officially	25
Schools Attended Unofficially	63
Letters Written	3,012
Official Miles Traveled	79,555

Kurten Chapter #1146 was Constituted on September 9, 2011

District Four had one consolidation. Almeda #1081 consolidated with Bellaire #1021 effective June 2012.

District Four began the year with 105 Chapters and ended the year with 104.

The ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four wish to extend their appreciation to:

Sister Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron of District Four. This has been a year to remember – filled with learning, new friendships, and traveling and visiting Chapters. Although I was not able to ride in the Grand Chapter van very much during the District Four school schedule, I am fairly certain that you did not mind the fact that I was not present to drive. The memories from this year are ones I will always cherish. I promise to forever strive to be a “Possibilitarian.” It has been an honor to serve under your leadership.

Brother David Dibrell, Worthy Grand Patron, you are the number one Distinguished Gentleman. Thank you for your assistance and support both in preparation and during the schools. Your attendance at the District 4 schools meant so much to the Deputies and the membership. Sister Marlene, Grand Esther, thank you for your unending dedication. You are a true lady. Getting to know you and Brother David has made this year all the more special. Worthy Grand Patron, I think I speak for all of the Deputies when I say that you are the very best Worthy Grand Patron we have had this year

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner of District Four - your renditions of the Secret Work are an inspiration to our membership. Although we were friends before this year, rooming together during the school schedule gave us an opportunity to get to know each other even better. Thank you for all your encouraging words and support.

Sister Debra Fincher, Humanitarian, District Four, Each and every one of your programs were unique and helped remind us of what our Order stands for. We have a friendship that I will always cherish.

Sister Dorris Clegg, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. It was such a joy to get to know you this year. You are a true example of a dedicated and a hard working member.

Sister Ellen Pickrell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for all your support this year to the Worthy Grand Patron. I know that all of your hard work has been greatly appreciated.

To my fellow Chickadees. You are a wonderful group of ladies. We started out not knowing one another very well, but over this past year, we have forged a friendship that I know we will carry with us always.

To the members of District Four. Thank you for all your love and support during this year. All your planning and hard work made your schools a success. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you this year.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Rozell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Four.

It is now my pleasure to recognize Sister Jane Hudson, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT FIVE

Sister Jane Hudson: Thank you Sister Terri, I appreciate it. At this time it is with great pride that I introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5. I call them "Jane's Daisy Chain". They refer to themselves as "Jane's Chain Gang":

Sister Joan Miller – Section 3
Sister Pat Crawford – Section 5
Sister Angela Hausner – Section 6
Sister Linda Rowland – Section 7
Sister Lonnie Maywald – Section 8
Sister Dorette Smith – Section 9
Sister Bernice Coleman – Section 10

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, what a pleasure it is to have the opportunity to bring my report for this Grand Chapter year and to introduce the seven Deputy Grand Matrons, also known as "Jane's Daisy Chain." Worthy Grand Matron, you did an excellent job in selecting these fine ladies and I know the membership is as appreciative of their hard work and dedication as I am.

The "Daisy Daze" School of Instruction was hosted by Joan Miller and the members of Section 3 in Blanco, on October 13, 2011.

On October 25, 2011, Pat Crawford and the members of Section 5 together with the members of Section 4 hosted the "Rocking in a Field of Daisies" School of Instruction in Lytle.

Angela Hausner and the members of Section 6 hosted the "This Little Light of Mine" School of Instruction in Manchaca on October 15, 2011.

The "Amazing Range of Faith, Family and Friends" School of Instruction was held in San Antonio on November 5, 2011, with Linda Rowland and the members of Section 7 serving as hostesses.

Lonnie Maywald and the members of Section 8 hosted the "Learning with Faithful Friends and Family" School of Instruction in Victoria on October 27, 2011.

On October 21, 2011, Dorette Smith and the members of Section 9 together with Bernice Coleman and the members of Section 10 hosted the "Southern Stars" School of Instruction in Alice.

There was no Deputy assigned to Sections 1, 2, and 4. However, I did make a visit with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to San Angelo Chapter on October 10, 2011 just prior to the beginning of the District 5 School Schedule.

A complete Statistical Report is attached and will be printed in the 2012 Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Vi Griffin, you are an amazing lady and I thank you for giving

me the opportunity to serve the membership in this capacity. Your enthusiasm and love for our Order has been an inspiration, and I am most grateful for your guidance in becoming a possibilitarian.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David Dibrell, getting to know you and working with you this year has certainly been an added bonus (in spite of your comments about my navigational capabilities). Both you and Sister Marlene are a great team and have added so much to this experience.

Sister Sandra Zipp, Grand Examiner, District 5, and Sister Vickie Mathews, Humanitarian Chairman, District 5, what can I say? Being from my own section I know you both well and it has been great sharing this journey with you.

To the other District Deputy Grand Matrons, it has been an amazing year and I will always cherish the friendships we have formed. Through laughter, tears and a little panic, we succeeded and there will always be a special bond between us.

A special thank you goes to the membership of District 5 for their participation and assistance. And especially to Creedmoor Chapter, my home Chapter, for without you and your belief in me, I would never have had this opportunity.

Let us always remember that Faith, Family, and Friends are the foundation for our continued success.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5

Chapters Assigned	65
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	63
Chapters Not Inspected	2
Schools Conducted	6
Schools Attended Officially	13
Schools Attended Unofficially	27
Letters Written	1,751
Miles Traveled	32,204

Somerset Chapter No. 730 consolidated with Bexar Chapter No 616. The vote was taken prior to Grand Chapter 2011, but was not effective until September 1, 2011 and, therefore, no inspection was done.

Sonora/Eldorado Chapter No. 575 consolidated with Fort McKavett Chapter No. 783 on October 11, 2011. No inspection was done as the consolidation took place prior to the Official Visits in that section.

San Marcos Chapter No. 276 consolidated with Seguin Chapter No. 555 on June 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Hudson, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for choosing such excellent representatives. (Applause)
Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the five reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons as filed with the Grand Secretary.

WGP David Dibrell: Second

WGM Vi Griffin: We have a motion to adopt the reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons as filed with the Grand Chapter office for the proceedings and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? Please raise your green cards. Any opposed? The reports are adopted. Thank you District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons, each of you is as diverse as the Sections of the areas of this great state you represent. And know that a Worthy Grand Matron cannot possibly do all that needs to be done without your assistance. You have been our eyes and our ears, our hands and our feet, and know how much we appreciate each one of you and how much we love you. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to greet these Deputies?

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It's indeed been a pleasure to meet and then be with these District Deputy Grand Matrons. We had the opportunity to attend all the Schools of Instruction, they were different as night and day, but I loved the night and I loved the day. So thank y'all very much for all your hard work. It's obvious that your Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons cherish their friendships with you. Thank you for all that you have done for the Worthy Grand Matron and I. We look forward to seeing you often in the coming years. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Vi Griffin: I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan: Worthy Grand Matron, your Arrangements Committee has been outstanding to assist the Election Judge and everything that I have asked for, but I would like to say a very special thank you to those individuals and the Judges and the monitors and everyone that has been on those tables since this morning. They have cooperated, they have bent over backwards to try to get everything done for you for your election. We hand counted, we re-counted, we sub-counted, and we have counted and our job is done but before you make that last announcement. Worthy Grand Matron, I have a little present for you and he'll make your day just a little bit better. (Jimmie Lee presented a noise-making toy alligator.)

WGM Vi Griffin: Did he just throw up? (Laughter)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan: You have your own alligator to go back to the swamps.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you. We do have an election but before I announce the results I want to thank these who have served as Tellers this morning, as Table Judges, I appreciate you so much and see I tricked you into this. You just got a postcard from the Worthy Grand Matron that said "I invite you serve" and you were so excited and I didn't tell you that you were going to be here all day and half the night did I? (Laughter) Know how much I appreciate each one of you and you are dismissed at this time. I'm going to announce the results of the ballot on ballot "A" for the Associate Grand Conductress. The total number of votes cast: 1,723. The number of votes to elect: 862. The votes were cast as follows: Sister Susan

Bigham – 155, Sister Jerre Lucas – 949, Sister Melissa Hudman – 204, Sister Christine Armstrong – 415. Sister Jerre Lucas you have been elected. Will you come to the East? You have been elected Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter. I congratulate you and ask, do you accept?

Sister Jerre Lucas: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers all, I do accept. Thanks be to each of you and to God. I look forward to continuing my service in Eastern Star. Thank you Sisters and Brothers all. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause).

WGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers we have concluded the business of this Grand Chapter and I want to sincerely thank the Chapter representatives, we made a deal and you stuck to it and I am so appreciative. Worthy Grand Patron do you have any closing remarks?

WGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Before we go away I just like to offer some success and advice. I don't know if it's advice but it's good words for Sister Annette and Brother Bill – it's going to be an exciting time tonight as we install new Officers. I read recently that for anything to be successful we need to plan purposely, prepare prayerfully, proceed positively and pursue persistently. Bill Crews is evidence of a purposeful plan. These District Deputies that we saw this morning in their pink outfits, also the Deputies are evidence of proceeding positively. The huge crowd that was at the breakfast this morning wishing her well I believe that you have all of the elements necessary for a successful plan. So I hope each one of you will remember this Session and will do all in your power to promote the tenants of Eastern Star in your daily life. Thank you for this opportunity Worthy Grand Matron, for travelling this road with you.

WGM Vi Griffin: We hope that you'll all be back. Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause) On behalf of Sister Annette, Brother Bill we hope that you will be back this evening at 5:30 p.m. for the Installation of Grand Officers for the 2012-2013 Grand Chapter year. To bring the benediction for the 130th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas is Sister Karen Morgenthaler, General Grand Chapter Cancer Committee and Past Grand Matron. Thank you Sister Karen. (Three raps)

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Sisters and Brothers, will you take the hand of those that are by you. Our Father in Heaven, most Holy God, Look down on thy children here assembled and grant us that wonderful peace which comes when we trust you and know we are in thy care. As we go to our separate places go with us. Guide us and direct us in our thoughts, our words and our actions. These things we ask in your name. Amen (Amen) (One rap)

WGM Vi Griffin: Sister Grand Warder

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Vi Griffin: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call the *Hope of Our Future* Session from Labor to Rest and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Grand Sentinel: Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels you will close the doors and report when they are closed. Sister Grand Warder, there will be no interruptions.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron there will be no interruptions.

WGM Vi Griffin: It is well (Three raps). Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

(Grand Conductress closes the Bible and the Choir sings “Sweet Hour of Prayer”)

I now call this *Faith, Family and Friends – The Hope of Our Future* Session of this Grand Chapter from Labor to Rest until 5:30 p.m. this evening at which time we will have our Installation of Grand Officers. Sister Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Grand Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, the Hope of our Future Session is called from Rest to Labor, I mean Labor to Rest until 5:30 p.m. this evening. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

WGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sisters and Brothers for staying with us. The Grand Officers will turn in their badges to the Grand Secretary before you leave the arena.

Miscellaneous Reports

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Income Code	Caldwell Actual 8/31/2010 (12 months)	Caldwell Budget 2009-2010	White Actual 8/31/2011 (12 months)	White Budget 2010-2011	Griffin Budget 2011-2012	Griffin Actual 3/21/2012	Curry Budget Adopted
General Fund Budget Income							
Interest							
4000.01	10	0	14	0	0	7	10
4000.15	154,326	31,500	15,866	31,500	20,000	10,259	38,000
4000.25	39,956	35,605	192,178	95,673	107,640	137,999	114,350
4000.26	60,664	101,346	72,758	43,461	89,073	42,820	70,000
4010	0	0	0	0	0	377	200
4000.10	2,402	33,500	5,786	0	0	0	0
4035.26	161,111	0	12,887	0	0	0	0
4290.01	0	500	0	500	200	0	500
4090	96,328	46,194	118,834	30,000	48,750	37,526	38,314
4110	104,128	103,464	98,529	104,964	100,000	0	93,000
Grand Chapter							
4120	2,851	0	791	0	0	2,156	0
4130	17,770	24,000	20,620	22,500	20,000	0	20,000
4135	118,323	20,000	112,981	20,000	25,000	-	20,000
4140	19,632	26,000	27,188	26,000	20,000	8,404	20,000
4150	0	0	6,288	0	0	0	55,708
4141	22,614	28,200	28,864	28,200	25,000	13,929	24,000
4142	32,865	34,100	30,029	34,100	35,000	18,506	25,000
4145	3,554	6,600	4,609	6,600	4,000	2,185	4,000
4152	77,210	64,875	46,604	64,875	60,000	14,780	44,200
4155	0	0	5,234	0	0	0	5,000
4157	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	12,000
4160	5,911	7,350	2,625	0	4,000	120	100
4170	1,145	7,643	977	1,250	1,000	255	300
4180	5,659	7,080	5,355	7,080	7,000	0	5,000
4185	8,642	5,000	1,543	5,000	5,000	502	1,500
4250	30	1,000	771	1,000	1,000	463	750
4280.01	4,313	4,000	3,519	4,000	0	0	7,000
4990	12,092	3,700	10,527	4,000	0	807	10,000
Total Income	\$963,536	\$603,657	\$837,363	\$542,403	\$584,663	291,096	608,932

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Expense	Caldwell Actual 8/31/2010 Caldwell	Caldwell Budget 2009/2010 Budget	White		White		Griffin		Griffin		Curry Budget Adopted Curry 2012-2013
			Actual 8/1/2011	Budget 2010-2011	Actual 8/1/2011	Budget 2010-2011	2011-2012 Griffin Budget	Actual 3/21/2012	2011-2012 Griffin Budget	Actual 3/21/2012	
General Fund Budget Expense											
5011 Grand Secretary Housing	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	4,900	8,400	8,400
5100 Meeting TMRC Ladies/Donation from WGM/Board	75	500	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	0	0
5356 Gift/Donation/Donations in honor of PGM/PGP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5910 Sale of Property Exp (Items for Move Preparation	0	0	5,953	0	0	0	0	0	3,516	6,000	6,000
5218 Computer/Data Processing	2,857	3,000	3,443	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	7,000	2,063	4,000	4,000
5480 Computer Contract Services	0	0	325	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5611 Copy Machine	8,765	6,000	26,474	3,000	3,000	3,000	35,000	12,380	12,380	25,000	25,000
Compensation & Related Expenses											
5001 Office Salaries	96,484	99,000	90,287	99,000	99,000	99,000	89,000	54,051	54,051	99,000	99,000
5010 Grand Secretary's Salary	19,731	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	10,961	10,961	19,000	19,000
5012 Grand Treasurer's Salary	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
5227 GC Support Staff Housing	2,385	1,700	4,155	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,000	0	2,500	2,500
Auto Expense											
5248 Vehicle-Fuel/Maintenance	7,165	6,000	7,379	5,800	5,800	5,800	15,000	4,477	4,477	10,000	10,000
5250 Vehicle-License	218	200	257	200	200	200	200	40	40	250	250
5251 WGM/Milage of personal vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,194	0	1,000	1,000
5252 Vehicle-Repairs	2,072	250	1,999	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000	360	360	1,000	1,000
5253 Auto Acquisition	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Grand Officer's Expense Allocation											
5253 WGM Expense	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
5102 WGP Expense	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
5105 AGM Expense	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
5110 AGP Expense	400	400	400	400	400	400	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
5140 Grand Conductress Expense	400	400	400	400	400	400	750	750	750	750	750
5120 Grand Secretary Expense	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
5115 AGC Expense	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	500	500	500	500
5145 Grand Treasurer Expense	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Grand Chapter-Session Expense											
5222 Grand Master Session Expense	150	500	601	500	500	500	500	0	0	500	500
5166 GGC Officers Expense	0	1,000	2,944	2,000	2,000	2,000	575	0	0	575	575
5167 GGC Hospitality for General Grand Officers	0	0	338	500	500	500	0	0	0	0	0
5181 Official Reporter-GC	7,376	3,500	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750
5210 Advanced Reports	855	4,200	1,308	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	189	189	1,500	1,500
5213 Interpretations	0	0	406	0	0	0	0	520	520	600	600
5214 Ballots & Voting Cards	65	1,000	2,059	500	500	500	4,000	0	0	2,250	2,250
5228 Installation Programs	725	500	1,045	1,100	1,100	1,100	200	211	211	1,000	1,000
5236 Photos of Proceedings	500	1,200	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
5240 Registration/Fornis/Postage/Badges	1,385	500	1,221	1,300	1,300	1,300	500	259	259	1,200	1,200
5242 Session & Memorial Programs	1,304	6,200	1,484	4,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	233	233	1,500	1,500
5375 The Session	131,565	20,000	136,777	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Past Grand Maroon/Patron Jewels											
5155 PGM Jewel	750	750	750	750	750	750	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
5160 PGP Jewel	450	450	450	450	450	450	500	0	0	500	500
Insurance											
5304 Insurance-Directors Liability	8,400	6,400	2,869	4,200	4,200	4,200	6,000	4,200	4,200	5,000	5,000
5302 Auto Insurance	956	2,500	6,951	2,500	2,500	2,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,000	4,000
5314 Furnishings/PP Umbrella	47,398	49,000	41,675	47,500	47,500	47,500	48,000	50,894	50,894	51,000	51,000
5316 Insurance-Workmans Comp.	3,307	1,550	1,515	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Investment Fees											

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5375.15	0	0	450	0	0	157	300
5375.25	10,669	0	20,978	0	0	9,854	17,000
5375.26	7,994	0	10,616	0	0	4,798	8,500
5212	24,750	23,675	25,857	25,000	25,000	24,696	16,000
5215	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,500
5234	1,333	500	750	2,000	2,000	1,307	2,000
5237	349	0	0	0	0	1,087	0
5645	13,549	4,550	9,262	4,550	10,000	4,175	12,000
5600	0	1,875	0	1,000	2,000	2,594	0
5320	4,534	1,000	49,546	1,000	1,000	1,349	2,000
5322	142	0	129	0	0	36	100
5325	0	0	0	0	1,200	291	0
5324	1,129	550	501	550	550	313	750
5355	2,687	0	196	0	0	78	200
5382	875	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
5346	425	375	405	375	500	175	500
5682	1,569	1,275	2,240	1,500	1,500	1,189	2,000
5686	13,750	40,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	19,250	33,000
5460	608	200	200	200	200	200	200
5465	10,601	18,000	7,224	12,000	12,000	5,841	12,000
5466	0	0	0	0	0	885	1,000
5470	0	200	185	200	200	190	200
5475	9,228	2,500	3,164	2,500	5,500	1,738	4,000
5486	0	4,400	5,000	0	4,000	3,715	4,500
5216	33,924	48,300	31,220	31,500	30,000	13,469	25,000
5410	13,476	15,500	8,586	13,000	13,000	0	10,000
5415	6,397	13,200	8,038	10,000	10,000	3,126	8,000
5416	0	0	446	0	0	0	750
5644	0	0	620	0	0	2,462	2,500
5646	0	0	1,005	0	0	2,028	2,100
5647	0	0	9,975	0	0	7,742	14,000
5526	429	1,300	334	0	400	218	2,500
5484	0	0	135	0	0	0	250
5487	81	0	200	0	0	0	0
5650	1,892	0	1,207	0	0	535	1,000
5683	0	0	2,469	6,000	6,000	563	6,000
5672	3,816	4,535	3,540	5,500	5,500	1,973	5,500
5674	442	550	397	550	550	272	700
5676	3,493	3,500	1,442	1,500	2,500	994	2,500
6560	7,869	10,310	10,024	10,310	10,310	5,549	10,500
5323	35,370	33,988	33,841	34,988	34,000	0	31,000
5180	7,060	7,080	5,655	7,080	6,000	1,920	5,000
5681	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
Total Expense	\$600,679	\$520,563	\$692,352	\$480,403	\$540,810	328,816	563,425
5000	78,626	66,900	47,476	62,968	43,853	26,978	45,507

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	Caldwell Actual 8/31/2010	Caldwell Budget 2009-2010	White Actual 8/31/2011	White Budget 2010-2011	Griffin Budget 2011-2012	Griffin Actual 3/21/2012	Curry Budget Adopted
Net Income							
General Fund	\$362,857	\$83,094	\$145,010	\$62,000	\$43,853	(\$37,721)	45,507

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	Caldwell Actual 8/31/2010 (12 months) Actual	Caldwell Budget 2009-2010	White Actual (12 months) Actual	White Budget 2010-2011	Griffin Budget 2011-2012	Griffin Actual 3/21/2012	Curry Budget Adopted
Income							
Benevolent Aid Budget							
4412 Per Capita	34,509	34,488	32,754	34,488	33,333	53,405	30,000
4000.06 Interest	352	528	24	528	300	0	0
4280.03 Humanitarian	23,672	25,000	13,955	25,000	25,000	17,246	15,000
4382 Prior Year Fund Balance	16,932	27,290	0	25,984	35,000	32,754	65,000
Total Income	\$75,465	\$87,306	\$46,733	\$86,000	\$93,633	\$103,405	110,000
Expense							
5330 Long Term Aid	47,500	72,000	44,980	50,000	50,000	19,250	30,000
5331 Temporary Aid	14,700	12,000	0	20,000	15,000	10,000	15,000
5321 Emergency Aid	14,500	19,500	0	16,500	28,633	5,000	15,000
Total Expense	\$76,700	\$103,500	\$44,980	\$86,500	\$93,633	\$34,250	60,000
Net Income	-\$1,235	-\$16,194	\$1,753	-\$500	\$0	\$69,155	50,000
Benevolent Aid							

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Income							
4000.10 Interest - Checking	10	0	13,590	0	23,649	2	0
4000.24 Endowment Interest 501 C8	0	254,202	68,327	68,327	109,527	0	82,150
4000.30 Eastern Star Home of Texas 501 C3	21,854	41,458	19,140	24,336	0	13,130	20,000
4111.01 Per Capita Income	172,545	172,440	336,760	172,415	166,665	0	150,000
4200 Oil & Gas Royalty	46,851	55,200	53,840	56,775	25,000	59,095	30,000
4225 Ladies Pensions	178,248	235,000	179,118	215,867	215,000	88,770	168,000
4230 Home Member Receipts	177	10,000	5,873	300	0	244	0
4250 Gifts and Donations	1,880	20,000	190	0	0	220	500
4260 Bequests & Gifts	40,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	15,000	20,000
4280.02 Humanitarian	5,197	5,500	0	5,600	0	0	0
4990 Prior Year General Fund Net	2,317	0	-29,940	174,120	142,834	0	0
Total Receipts	\$469,079	\$793,800	\$646,898	\$722,740	\$687,675	\$176,461	\$470,650
Expenses							
5212.10 Audit/CPA Ladies	6,045	4,000	6,683	6,000	6,000	4,250	4,500
5312 Insurance-OES Retirement	500	500	500	500	500	0	500
5320 Miscellaneous	747	0	1,818	0	0	0	0
5321 In-Service 501c3 Accounts Mgmt.	12,000	12,000	12,392	12,000	12,000	0	12,000
5322 Bank Fees	-150	0	341	0	0	26	100
5326 Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	1,023	1,000	2,265	1,025	1,025	0	1,000
5324.10 Legal Ladies	1,512	1,000	2,242	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
5375.30 Investment Fees-OES Eastern Star Home of Texas	1,744	10,000	360	1,500	1,500	551	600
5504 Allowance for Ladies @\$70 per month x 12 ladies	13,650	16,800	12,530	13,650	13,650	6,440	10,080
5505 TMRC Resident Parties	216	500	0	250	0	0	0
5520 Funeral Expenses	7,564	5,000	9,059	5,000	5,000	3,137	5,000
5710 Residence Housing 6@\$80.44	148,974	160,200	139,520	154,695	130,000	107,986	176,160
5810 Infirmary Housing 6@\$247.01	537,815	640,800	586,707	526,120	516,000	299,915	540,947
Total Expenses	\$731,640	\$851,800	\$774,434	\$722,740	\$687,675	422,305	752,887
Net Total 501C3 for Ladies	-\$262,562	-\$58,000	-\$127,536	\$0	\$0	(\$245,844)	-282,237

CORPORATE BOARD MINUTES

Corporate Board Meeting

August 20, 2011

Worthy Grand Matron called the Corporate Board Meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Vi Griffin

Worthy Grand Patron - David Dibrell

Associate Grand Matron - Annette Curry

Associate Grand Patron - Bill Crews

Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens

Grand Conductress - Jayne Yenger

Associate Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as read.

Worthy Grand Matron called this meeting to discuss the issues she would like to see put into action:

1. Discussion on property in reference to the amendment that will be voted on for the second time this coming Grand Chapter on the moving of the office not more than 40 miles. It was discussed that the Board of Directors and the Committee appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron Mary Ruth White had only met (1) time. The discussion about looking at the different prices for property purchase or leasing was done. The amount of space was also discussed. Somewhere around 5000 to 6000 square foot and parking space. Cheryl Albrecht gave examples of some of the things that their company did when looking for a new location. After some discussion the Worthy Grand Matron ask Cheryl to get quotes for a Building thru a Realtor she had worked with before. All board members were going to be looking at options. Get possible quotes.

2. Year book was next topic of conversation. Discussion on the mistakes in this year's yearbook. Tom Brisko will be notifying the members about free ads in next year's yearbook or refund if necessary.

We discussed the possibly of raising the price of the year book. If pre-ordered and pickup at Grand Chapter the cost is \$15.00. If not pre-ordered, the cost is \$20.00 plus mailing costs if not picked up at Grand Chapter.

3. Vi had 3 words-
Commitment
Courtesy
Confidentiality

Follow the chain of communication on all issues and to pass on information.

The question was brought up about Candidate Resumes. She said to follow the policy that is described in the Code of Law on page 51&52.

4. It was mentioned that we need a better communication with the TMRC Board. Bill said that he had been invited to come to the board meeting. He or Annette would try to attend one of their meetings.

5. Grand Secretary was requested to get Information on TMRC garden, the total amount of project and what amount would be the 25% for Grand Chapter.

The meeting was closed at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Corporate Board Meeting

November 19, 2011

Worthy Grand Matron called the Corporate Board Meeting to order at 10:37pm.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Vi Griffin

Worthy Grand Patron - David Dibrell

Associate Grand Matron - Annette Curry

Associate Grand Patron - Bill Crews

Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens

Grand Conductress - Jayne Yenger

Associate Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht

The Worthy Grand Matron ask if necessary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. Everyone agreed that it wasn't necessary and they were approved as written.

Worthy Grand Matron said that we were going to continue discussing office space for Lease or for sale and to see what our options are, so that we might have something to present to the membership at Grand Chapter.

1. Cheryl was called upon to present what she had researched. Donny Broughton helped her get property information and copies were handed out for the board members to look at. Reference was made to the amendment on the moving of the office about not moving more than 40 miles and the amount of money available. We looked at the different prices for properties to purchase. The amount of space was also discussed. It was decided after much discussion to go and look at two of the locations that had been presented. The Worthy Grand Matron and Patron were going to go look at the outside. After that we would possibly make an appointment for all to go see the two properties of interest.
2. Worthy Grand Matron said that we had not looked at land to be able to build. Cheryl will check on land and builders.
3. Asst. Grand Matron bought up that it was put in the board of director's minutes for September that they would work with the Worthy Grand Matrons committee. There is no such committee per the Worthy Grand Matron.
4. Grand Secretary was requested by David to get Information on TMRC garden and to get the meeting minutes out in a timelier manner.

The meeting was closed at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Corporate Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2012

Worthy Grand Matron called the Corporate Board Meeting to order at 10:05am.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Vi Griffin

Worthy Grand Patron - David Dibrell

Associate Grand Matron - Annette Curry

Associate Grand Patron - Bill Crews

Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens

Grand Conductress - Jayne Yenger

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The Worthy Grand Matron asked if the minutes of the previous meeting had been read by all and were there any corrections. Minutes were approved as Corrected.

Vi stated we are not trying to circumvent the board and trying to get to a place to present something to the membership. That we were doing the foot work to look at property. David reported on the two properties that had been presented the previous meeting that he and Vi had gone to look at. Discussion was held on the two properties that were presented and discussed at the last Corporate board meeting. Question was asked if there would be room for Museum. David said it is included in what we are looking for to purchase. The things that are necessary to have prepared in order to present to the membership at Grand Chapter any options we would like for the membership to consider on buying a building or land to build a building on. Cheryl gave figures on purchasing land and building to be about the same as the cost of this existing building. Annette stated that we have enough money to either option. A third option is to stay where we are. Contract discussion was held and also the cost of the storage units that we are presently paying for. Living items in storage is not an option. Keith spoke up and said that it was of his option that we move off the TMRC grounds. Discussion was that we were an only suppose to have been their temporally and we had suppose to have moved in to new building and did not. David said that he felt like the building on Abrams would be a good location or something similar. Worthy Grand Matron described the building the best that she could from what they had looked at when going by the properties. More discussion was held on all options. Worthy Grand Matron stated when she would be in the area to go and look at the building on Abrams. Date was set to go and all that could go would look at the building.

Worthy Grand Matron ask why we did not have a Grand Chapter Audit. Grand Secretary stated that it had not been done due to materials needed from the session. Grand Secretary state that a material that had been requested had been sent to the Auditors and was waiting to hear from

them. Worthy Grand Patron stated to the Grand Secretary after some discussion of how the audit is handled that the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Chairman of the Board receive a copy of the audit draft, before it is presented to the Board of Directors. He also stated to look at the Constitution.

Then he followed with questions from the previous year's audit letter and asked the Grand Secretary, if the 4 questions on the letter had been addressed. Grand Secretary stated could she see the letter that he was referring too. She said that without seeing the letter she could not answer the question. The questions were discussed and the Grand Treasurer stated that we were doing fine with separation of the things mention in the letter according to Gary (auditor). Grand Secretary stated that we have proper checks and balances and we need to see what the letter says this year. Worthy Grand Matron ask questions on how we do our paying process. Discussion was held on office procedures. Grand Conductress stated that she agreed with the Grand Secretary that someone has a problem that she be notified in order to get the problem corrected.

Associate Grand Matron stated the she did not appreciate the Board of Director laughing about serious matters. Associate Grand Patron said the he thought that the problems should be brought to the attention of the Grand Secretary, so that she would have a chance to resolve the issues. Associate Grand Conductress expressed some of the ways in which she handles business at her company. Further discussion was held on the difficulty in getting the proper information for the Session Audit in the future. The guidelines written by the board of directors were discussed.

Prayer was given by Associate Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron stated before adjourning she had information on consolidations of chapters and also on membership's expulsion.

The meeting was closed at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary
Recorded on H-6

Corporate Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2012

Worthy Grand Matron called the Corporate Board Meeting to order at 2:15pm.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Vi Griffin

Worthy Grand Patron - David Dibrell

Associate Grand Matron - Annette Curry

Associate Grand Patron - Bill Crews

Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens

Grand Conductress - Jayne Yenger

Associate Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht

Keith Mikeworth- Board Chairman

Elizabeth Wise- Board Vice Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron said that the Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman had asked to attend our meeting. She welcomed them and stated she want the Corporate Board and the Board of directors to work together and show a united front.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Grand Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Worthy Grand Matron asked to hear the concerns of the Board. Keith the board chairman stated that they wanted to work together with the corporate board on the Facility. He had heard that someone was looking for a location to lease or buy and hearing the minutes he now knows where that was coming from. They would like to know any of the concerns that the Corporate Board might have. He said that he would like to let Vice-Chairman speak about her concerns.

Elizabeth stated that she would like to see an amendment that the maintenance is contracted outside and two or three appraisals done for any work that needs to be done. Mainly because of the way the home and office had been taken care of before.

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Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary
Recorded on CB-1

ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN
JULY 27, 2012

The Rob Morris Celebration Committee is filled with vibrant, willing, dedicated and hard working members of Grand Chapter. Together with the membership of Texas, we have been able to accomplish many tasks this year. I appreciate the willing spirit shared by all, even as our group members faced many of the challenges of life during the year.

The committee under the leadership of the District Chairmen conducted a silent auction at each of the schools of instruction in all five districts, taking our members to far points north, south, east, west and numerous sites between in this great state. Thank you to those who contributed sales items, bid on and purchased sale items, set up and cleaned up and did those odd jobs necessary for the auction to proceed. Thank you to the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons for seeing that space was provided for this committee to conduct the silent auctions. The results of the silent auction sales and contributions made at the silent auctions to Rob Morris are as follows;

District 1	District Chairman Cindy Brisko	\$ 17,601.00
District 2	District Chairman Chistel Fisher	2,132.21
District 3	District Chairman Kathy Franks	3,661.50
District 4	District Chairman Toni Crawford	14,390.50
District 5	District Chairman Vicki Smith	<u>5,607.95</u>
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 33,393.16

In addition to conducting silent auctions at the schools of instruction, committee members sold "Rocking Horse Ornaments" totaling \$3,145.00.

At Grand Chapter, the Committee and members with the assistance of Past Grand Matron Jimmie Lee McMahon, conducted a live auction at the Rob Morris Celebration Dinner and netted \$2,530.00. Grand Chapter was blessed by the sharing spirit of those who provided the entertainment and auction items for the evening.

This makes the TOTAL FUNDS RAISED BY THIS COMMITTEE \$39,068.16. With this achieved, the cost of tickets was able to be reduced to the Rob Morris Dinner at Grand Chapter, and the remaining funds will go to the Worthy Grand Matron's Charities.

This year has provided us the opportunity to get to know the membership of Texas better and to see that the "Star Spirit" is alive and well. We experienced dedicated members continuing to serve in spite of personal illnesses, loss and other misfortune around them.

I am sure Rob Morris would be amazed at what this committee accomplished in his honor to do the good work established by the Worthy Grand Matron this year. Thank you to each chairman, committee member and member, and especially to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for affording me this opportunity. Truly each of you is the best and are a joy to work with.

Fraternally,
Melynda Giesenschlag
General Chairman
ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

I regret that I was not able to visit the International Headquarters during this year; however, that trip is on my Bucket List.

I was able to work with the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons in promoting the Texas Change for Changes Committee. Through this Special Committee, Texas is proud to forward to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary a check in the amount of \$2,600.00.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve on this prestigious committee of Grand Chapter.

This report will be filed for the Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jackie Stogner
International Headquarters Committee.

WEBMASTER COMMITTEE REPORT 2011-2012

The Webmaster is happy to report that the software used to create and keep the website updated has been updated by Grand Chapter to the latest version and is compatible with Windows. The hosting site is renewed every 2 years and the domain name yearly.

The Webmaster has worked to keep the Grand Chapter Website up to date as information has become available; has updated the Past Grand Officers page, and the links to the Floor Officers, Elected Boards, Deputies and Humanitarians; and has updated the Price List, Annual Report, and Dues Card form. These must be saved on the user's computer. They cannot be saved on the website.

We have received approximately 400 e-mails from members, and visitors who have visited the Website. All have been answered either by the Webmaster, Grand Secretary's Office, or forwarded to someone who could provide the proper response. There have been many inquires about membership in the Order. These have been responded to with information on how to locate a Chapter close to them, or the information necessary to contact the closest Chapter Secretary.

This is a continuing effort and comments and suggestions are welcome to help us improve the Information that is provided to the Membership of Texas.

Fraternally,
Jack York
Webmaster

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my sisters and brothers:

As the Chairman of the Financial Investment Committee, I have attended all of the meetings of the Board of Directors when the reports by the Investment Bankers were given. I was furnished copies of those quarterly reports and forwarded them to the other members, Ed Pickett and Brian Dodson, who returned their remarks to me. The Investments are now more in line with the requirements of our Code of Laws. The returns on our funds have decreased slightly, but that was expected with the reduced risk. It has been an honor to serve this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and membership.

Sharon Fentress, Chairman
Ed Pickett
Brian Dodson

GGC REPORT TO 2012 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION - BEAUMONT By: Henry S. Martin, GGCCM & PGP Texas

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM, WGP, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, GGC Family - Elected and Appointed, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Chapter Officers and Elected Board members, My distinguished Sisters and Brothers all:

Plans are proceeding toward the General Grand Chapter Session that will be in Fort Worth in November. The Session will be held from Wednesday, October 31, through Thursday, November 9, 2012. This will be the first General Grand Chapter Triennial Session to be held in Texas since the 1960s, more than 40 years ago. And twenty-one years ago, Texas' very own PGM, Sister Rennie Ofton, was elected into the General Grand Chapter Officers' Line and she has been working toward this goal of hosting the General Grand Chapter Session in Texas since then. In November 2009, Sister Rennie began serving the General Grand Chapter as Most Worthy Grand Matron. As the world-wide leader of the Order of The Eastern Star, she has been an outstanding representative of this great state of Texas. And now, it's an exciting time as Texas will soon welcome the world of Eastern Star to this great state of ours. We are expecting between 4,500 and 5,000 people literally from around the world, including every state in the United States, every province in Canada, Mexico, countries in Central & South America, Scotland, and several countries in Europe. Many of these people will be coming to Texas for the first time, and our goal is to give them a Lone Star reception that they will never forget. Our partner in this is Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, whose members have been working with us for several years and they will be assisting us in every possible way.

At the Session, there will be social events, receptions, vendors with merchandise of all kinds, and business sessions where you will hear the business of Eastern Star conducted. **And all of you can attend.** You don't even have to be a Past Matron or Past Patron. If you are an Eastern Star member who was initiated only yesterday, you can register and attend, and you can help on one of the committees I mentioned earlier.

For the past 15 years, the Texas Cardinals have been raising money to allow us to have this General Grand Chapter event, and the members of The Grand Chapter of Texas have participated in that effort. I want to ask this group a few questions:

If you are or ever have been a member of the Texas Cardinals, would you stand? Continue to stand.

If you have helped sell merchandise for the Texas Cardinals at Grand Chapters, Schools of Instruction, or any other event or place, over the past 15 years, would you stand?

If you have bought any merchandise from the Texas Cardinals, like scarves, ties, or any other item over the past 15 years, would you stand?

If you have helped with or attended any event that benefitted the Texas Cardinals, or Sister Rennie Ofton, would you stand?

If you have volunteered to help at General Grand Chapter this November, would you stand?

Now, that looks like the majority of us.

And so, if you haven't volunteered to help us in November, please come and join us.

We have opportunities for people to help in many ways. And we can use you even if you can only help a few days or a few hours. Some of the committees that we need your help with are:

- Decorating the arena, stage, and the labyrinth

- Helping with sound and lights

- Helping with the vendors

- Stuffing souvenir bags

- Assisting people by providing information at desks in the hotels and convention center

- Decorating for social events

- Assisting with registration

- Security

- First aid

- Stenographic assistance

- Bus coordinators

- Courtesy car drivers for the distinguished guests

- Assisting with the rental of wheelchairs and scooters,

- and many more opportunities.

There are tables just outside of this arena with lists of the committees we need help with, and Sign-Up Sheets for you to volunteer by giving us your name and contact information, along with the committee that you want to help with... We will take those sheets and have someone contact you... So, stop by and sign up...

Sisters and Brothers, think of it this way. Volunteering will not only help Texas make a positive impression on these visitors, but it will give you the opportunity to meet Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers from around the world, people whom you may never get to meet otherwise, from places that you may never have the opportunity to visit. That alone is exciting. So come and join us during this General Grand Chapter Triennial Session, to be held from Wednesday, October 31, to Thursday, November 9, 2012, in Fort Worth at the Convention Center. This is one of those memorable events that people will be talking about for years to come. Adn you don't want to be the one who didn't attend. So come and join us and don't miss it.

Thank You.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR **September 9, 2011**

At a Special Called Meeting of Kurten Chapter No. 1146

Worthy Matron - Jacqueline Pierce
Worthy Patron - James Pierce
Associate Matron - Carlas Smith
Associate Patron - Richard Elliott
Secretary - Debbie Nelson
Treasurer - Ted Moore
Conductress - Catherine Cox
Chaplain - Royce Yeates

Marshal - Charley Yeates
Organist - Oilly Ashley
Ada - Mary Trowbridge
Ruth - Barbara Lloyd
Esther - Grace Ashley
Martha - Cecile Gullick
Warder - Donnie Helm
Sentinel - Ron McCormick

Number of members present - 26

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a Ritualistic Opening and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Presented were the attending Grand Officers: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Vi Griffin and David B. Dibrell; General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Executive Committee, Housing Chairperson, Sharon Fentress; General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Cancer Committee, Karen Morgenthaler; Past Grand Patron of Texas, Bill Wyatt; Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, General Grand Chapter Special Appointment by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons, Standing Committees of Grand Chapter and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star.

Good of the Order - The Worthy Matron announced the purpose of the meeting to be the constituting of a chapter and turned the meeting over to the Worthy Grand Patron who presided over the Ceremony of Constituting. The Charter was read by the Grand Secretary, Marlene Scholari and the Grand Marshal, B.J. Corwin, made the Proclamation that gave our number as 1146 and proclaimed that we are a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The first Board of Officers was then elected. Paper balloting was held for Associate Conductress and the resulting vote was for Catherine Cox. Elected officers are: Worthy Matron, Jacqueline Pierce; Worthy Patron, James Pierce; Associate Matron, Carlas Smith; Associate Patron, Richard Elliott; Secretary, Debbie Nelson; Treasurer, Theodore Moore; Conductress, Joy Palmer; Associate Conductress, Catherine Cox. The Worthy Matron-Select's appointive officers were then named. They are: Chaplain, Royce Yeates; Marshal, Charles Yeates, Organist, Oilly Ashley, Adah, Mary Trowbridge; Ruth, Barbara Lloyd; Esther, Grace Ashley; Martha, Cecile Gullick; Electa, Paula Schehin; Warder, Donnie Helm; Sentinel, Ronald McCormick. The Worthy Grand Patron then performed the Ceremony of Installation.

The meeting closed in Ritualistic form and was over at 9:45 p.m.

Debbie Nelson, Secretary
Jacqueline Pierce, Worthy Matron

LINDALE CHAPTER NO. 1147

10-7-2011

Lindale Chapter UD was opened at 7:00 p.m. in Ritualistic long form for the purpose of constituting the chapter and election and installation of officers. The Worthy Patron led the chapter in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to our nation's flag and we all sang a patriotic ode.

The Worthy Matron recognized the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the conductress escorted them to the East where they were seated for the remainder of the evening. The Worthy Matron then proceeded to recognize all of the dignitaries and guests that were in attendance.

After all of the introductions, the Worthy Matron turned the meeting over to the Worthy Grand Patron who constituted the chapter and presented the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron with the charter for Lindale Chapter 1147, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Worthy Grand Patron then turned the meeting over to the Worthy Grand Matron who called for nominations for officers for Lindale Chapter 1147. The officers were elected and the Worthy Matron read the names of the persons that were appointed to fill the other respective stations. After the elections, the following officers were installed:

Worthy Matron	Cindy Reeves
Worthy Patron	Jerry Nash
Associate Matron	Natalie Kelley
Associate Patron	Clyde Kelley
Secretary	Dolly Evans
Treasurer	Pam Praytor
Conductress	Ida May Books
Associate Conductress	Barbara Allard
Chaplain	Ken Reeves
Organist	Wanda Revelt
Ruth	Mary Alice Cowart
Esther	Lovie Malone
Martha	Imogene Kimberly
Electa	Diana Nash
Warder	Pat Pilgrim
Sentinel	Dwayne Praytor

After the installation, the Worthy Matron thanked everyone for their help and their attendance. The chapter was then closed at 9:30 p.m.

11-7-2011

Dolly Evans, Secretary
Cindy Reeves, Worthy Matron

REPORT OF THE “TAKE TIME FOR FRIENDS” CALENDAR COMMITTEE July, 2012

Sisters and Brothers,

It has been indeed an honor and privilege to serve our Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin and Worthy Grand Patron David Dibrell as General Chairman of the “Take Time For Friends” Calendar Committee.

We had total donations of \$1,240, at \$5.00 per each for 248 of the calendars. The proceeds of this donation went to an undesignated fund of our Worthy Grand Matron Vi Griffin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janis Warner, General Chairman, “Take Time For Friends” Calendar Committee

Debbie Haechten, Chairman, District 1

Sandy Alford, Chairman, District 2

Jeanie Reiger, Chairman, District 3

Shirley Meerscheidt, Chairman, District 4

Benita Bass, Chairman, District 5

REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMPETITION

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

It has been my pleasure to serve the Grand Chapter this year as your District Five Chairman of the Ritualistic Competition. It was a very rewarding position, and I thank you.

The district members enjoyed the competition and I believe they enjoyed even more in meeting you both at the end of each school to receive their ribbons.

Sec/School	Ritualist	1st Place	2nd Place	Participant
Three	16	7	2	2
Four/Five	8	4	1	
Six	18	3		
Seven	23	10		
Eight	8	2		
Nine/Ten	9	1		
Totals	82	18	3	3

Sincerely Submitted,
Terry E. Miller

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, OES
BEAUMONT, TEXAS
JULY 26-JULY 28, 2012**

BULLETIN COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee members must have worked very hard because many new and renewed subscriptions were turned in to the Grand Secretary's office. I personally received several reports from some of the committee members.

From September 9, 2011 to July 20, 2012 there was a total of 407 new subscriptions and 811 renewed subscriptions for a total of \$22,683.50.

I appreciate the trust that Vi Griffin, Worthy Grand Matron, had in me and only wish I could have accomplished more.

Submitted by,
Yvonne Smith, Bulletin General Chairman 2011-2012

This Section contains
listings of the
Grand Officers, Elected Board,
Board of Grand Examiners,
Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons,
General Grand Family
And
Appointments given by

Mrs. Hi Griffin
Worthy Grand Matron

For the Grand Chapter Year
2011-2012

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1928	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson			
1929	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson			
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1945	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1951	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1952	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1954	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Ruby Entoe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			

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LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2010

Year	WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		GRAND TREASURER
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER		
1957	†Mrs. Ruby Entloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1958	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1959	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1960	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1961	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1962	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1963	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1964	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1965	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1966	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1967	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1968	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Sally Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1969	†Mrs. Sally Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1970	†Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1972	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1973	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neinaast	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1974	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neinaast	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1975	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1976	†Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Mary Brown	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1977	†Mrs. Mary M. Brown	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1978	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†T.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Thurman L. Weaver	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1979	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1980	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1981	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1982	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Lettie Hinton			
1983	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1984	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1985	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1986	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1987	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†B. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†B. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1988	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1989	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1990	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1991	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Glenn Whitaker	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Glenn Whitaker	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1992	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Garland Rattan	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Garland Rattan	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			
1993	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank			

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Year	WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		GRAND
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER		
1994	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	† Charles Morris	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	† Billy Combest	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace			
1995	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	† Billy Combest	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Frances Burbank	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson			
1996	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Claude Ervin	Mrs. Frances Burbank	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson			
1997	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Kenneth Gregory	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson			
1998	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson			
1999	Mrs. Betty Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2000	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2001	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Sharon Fentress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2002	Mrs. Sharon Fentress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2003	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2004	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2005	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2006	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Jerry Trees	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2007	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Jerry Trees	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2008	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater			
2009	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	K. Arthur Dresher	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens			
2010	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	K. Arthur Dresher	Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mr. David Dibrell	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens			
2011	Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mr. David Dibrell	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Bill Crews	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens			
2012	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Bill Crews	Mrs. Jayne Yenger	Mr. Trey Smith	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens			

*Demitted †Deceased ‡Suspended

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

AUDIT REPORTS



Ratiff & Associates, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter") (a Texas non-profit corporation) and the Eastern Star Home of Texas (the Eastern Star Home) (a Texas non-profit corporation) as of August 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas as of August 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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April 30, 2013

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2012 and 2011

ASSETS		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 351,976	\$ 366,248
Certificates of deposit	108,500	138,001
Accrued interest receivable	92,307	20,293
Merchandise inventory	14,649	17,495
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>80,748</u>	<u>45,456</u>
Total current assets	648,180	587,493
Investments	1,665,779	2,077,682
Net property and equipment	48,041	36,144
Investments held in trust	2,989,880	2,847,220
Endowment investments	13,580,368	12,978,379
Other assets	<u>1,431</u>	<u>1,153</u>
Total other assets	<u>18,285,499</u>	<u>17,940,578</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,933,679</u>	<u>\$ 18,528,071</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS 		
Accounts payable	\$ 60,256	\$ 77,247
Other accrued liabilities	4,410	3,382
Deferred income	159,092	175,865
Funds held for others	<u>2,989,610</u>	<u>2,846,950</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,213,368</u>	<u>3,103,444</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	6,048,699	5,746,660
Temporarily restricted	-	6,355
Permanently restricted	<u>9,671,612</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>15,720,311</u>	<u>15,424,627</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,933,679</u>	<u>\$ 18,528,071</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidated Statements of Activities
For the Years Ended August 31, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Revenue		
Gifts and donations	\$ 548,357	\$ 498,344
Dues	280,786	295,498
Grand Session revenue	149,589	136,041
Bulletin & supply sales	92,145	90,610
Investment income	417,643	377,379
Unrealized gains and (losses)	514,447	(90,083)
Realized gains and (losses)	(151,386)	702,801
Loss on writeoff of Roberts estate	-	(75,000)
Interest and other income	1,787	3,202
Net assets released from restriction		
Satisfaction of program restriction	<u>6,535</u>	<u>-</u>
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>1,859,903</u>	<u>1,938,792</u>
Operating expenses		
Program services		
Care of elderly members	774,422	783,728
Educational scholarships	50,750	39,000
Benevolence	65,587	103,504
Fraternal activities	284,697	296,997
Supporting services		
Management and general	354,221	342,315
Fundraising	<u>28,187</u>	<u>32,476</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,557,864</u>	<u>1,598,020</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>302,039</u>	<u>340,772</u>
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:		
Investment return	180	1,056
Net assets released from restriction	<u>(6,535)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>(6,355)</u>	<u>1,056</u>
Increase in net assets	295,684	341,828
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>15,424,627</u>	<u>15,082,799</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 15,720,311</u>	<u>\$ 15,424,627</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended August 31, 2012

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	\$ 7,691	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,121	\$ -	\$ 111,548	\$ 126,360
Payroll taxes	565	-	-	523	-	8,195	9,283
	<u>8,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,743</u>	<u>135,643</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	10,640	-	-	-	-	-	10,640
Funeral	6,228	-	-	-	-	-	6,228
Infirmary and TMRC housing	735,101	-	-	-	-	-	735,101
Scholarships	-	50,750	-	-	-	-	50,750
Benevolence	-	-	37,400	-	-	-	37,400
Chapter benevolence	-	-	28,187	-	28,187	-	56,374
Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraternal activities	-	-	-	13,350	-	-	13,350
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	125,556	-	-	125,556
Grand session expense	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Past Grand Matron/ Patron Jewels	-	-	-	32,110	-	-	32,110
General Grand Chapter per capita	345	-	-	10,155	-	9,881	20,381
Postage	-	-	-	58,207	-	-	58,207
Printing	-	-	-	-	-	3,779	3,779
Supplies	-	-	-	5,470	-	-	5,470
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management and general	-	-	-	-	-	524	10,471
Auto	-	-	-	9,947	-	24,854	29,240
Depreciation	2,924	-	-	1,462	-	53,855	63,359
Insurance	6,336	-	-	3,168	-	34,637	44,141
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	34,326	34,326
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	1,308	1,958
Legal	650	-	-	-	-	27,136	27,136
Computers and technology	-	-	-	7,055	-	6,956	14,011
Office supplies	-	-	-	3,630	-	5,488	9,118
Other	35	-	-	4,603	-	28,050	32,693
Rent	3,300	-	-	16	-	277	3,583
Repairs and maintenance	33	-	-	92	-	1,568	1,844
Telephone	184	-	-	181	-	3,084	3,628
Utilities	363	-	-	551	-	328	906
Bank Fees	27	-	-	-	-	2,092	2,092
Museum storage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>766,166</u>	<u>50,750</u>	<u>65,587</u>	<u>277,053</u>	<u>28,187</u>	<u>234,478</u>	<u>1,422,221</u>
	<u>\$ 774,422</u>	<u>\$ 50,750</u>	<u>\$ 65,587</u>	<u>\$ 284,697</u>	<u>\$ 28,187</u>	<u>\$ 354,221</u>	<u>\$ 1,557,864</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended August 31, 2011

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	\$ 7,672	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,110	\$ -	\$ 108,905	\$ 123,687
Payroll taxes	622	-	-	576	-	8,825	10,023
	<u>8,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,730</u>	<u>133,710</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	12,530	-	-	-	-	-	12,530
Funeral	9,060	-	-	-	-	-	9,060
Infirmary and TMRC housing	735,447	-	-	-	-	-	735,447
Scholarships	-	39,000	-	-	-	-	39,000
Benevolence	-	-	71,028	-	-	-	71,028
Chapter benevolence	-	-	32,476	-	32,476	-	64,952
Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraternal activities	-	-	-	10,900	-	-	10,900
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	156,588	-	-	156,588
Grand session expense	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
Past Grand Matron/ Grand Patron Jewels	-	-	-	33,841	-	-	33,841
General Grand Chapter per capita	316	-	-	7,382	-	8,104	15,802
Postage	-	-	-	58,266	-	-	58,266
Printing	-	-	-	-	-	1,207	1,207
Supplies	-	-	-	5,655	-	-	5,655
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management and general	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auto	-	-	-	9,154	-	482	9,636
Depreciation	1,567	-	-	783	-	13,316	15,666
Insurance	5,301	-	-	2,650	-	45,058	53,009
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	33,423	33,423
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	32,540	32,540
Legal and professional	2,992	-	-	-	-	-	2,992
Computers and technology	-	-	-	3,543	-	31,709	35,252
Office supplies	-	-	-	1,625	-	9,262	10,887
Other	4,123	-	-	3,951	-	1,726	9,800
Rent	3,300	-	-	1,650	-	28,050	33,000
Repairs and maintenance	47	-	-	24	-	398	469
Telephone	144	-	-	72	-	1,225	1,441
Utilities	394	-	-	197	-	3,347	3,938
Bank Fees	-	-	-	502	-	326	828
Museum storage	-	-	-	-	-	5,953	5,953
	<u>775,221</u>	<u>39,000</u>	<u>103,504</u>	<u>297,983</u>	<u>32,476</u>	<u>216,126</u>	<u>1,464,310</u>
	<u>\$ 783,515</u>	<u>\$ 39,000</u>	<u>\$ 103,504</u>	<u>\$ 305,669</u>	<u>\$ 32,476</u>	<u>\$ 333,856</u>	<u>\$ 1,598,020</u>

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Grand Chapter of Texas

“Faith, Family, and Friends”



WGM & WGP Escorted to the East



Deputy Grand Matrons



ESTARL Committee



Jurisprudence Committee



Credentials Committee



Registration Committee



Dynamic Chapter Awards



Dynamic Chapter Awards - continued



Dynamic Chapter Awards - continued



TMRC Residents



Fifty Year Member Awards



Newly Appointed Grand Representatives



Memorial Program Cross



A New Line



Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Vi Griffin
&
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. David Dibrell



'11 - '12 Officers Ride Off Into the Sunset



Grand Examiners



Distinguished Guests



My Little Chickadees



General Banquet



Humanitarian Committee

The One Hundred Thirty-First
Installation of Grand Officers
2012-2013

Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star



Ford Arena
2355 IH 10 South
Beaumont, Texas 77706
5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Ambassador, Hawaii

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Appeals and Grievances

Karen Morgenthaler
Cancer

Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker
Chapter Restoration

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Credentials

Mr. Ed Warner
ESTARL

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Membership, United States Chairman

Mrs. Nancy Brown
Pin Distribution Chairman

Mrs. Alma Carter
Registration, United States Chairman

Mr. J. William Rhyan
Registration

Mr. Jack W. Guy
Service Dog

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Youth, United States Chairman

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Present and Past Grand Matrons and
Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Visiting Grand Officers

Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Sylvia Garcia Deputy for the MWGM to Mexico
Mr. Raul Garcia Deputy for the MWGP to Mexico
and Central America

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, President
International Grand Representatives Association

Mrs. Janice Herridge
Executive Committee Executive Secretary

Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Gay M. Carnes
Who's Who / Tri Line Book, Calendar & Souvenir

Mrs. Leatris Legg
Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander
General Grand Chapter Choir Director

Cardinal Crew Committee

James Brumit
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Walter "Walt" Rogers
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Member of the House of Gold
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mrs. JoAnn Weaver
Supreme Deputy
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Miss Boston White
Grand Worthy Advisor
Grand Assembly of Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte
Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas

Mr. Sean Waldrop
State Master Councilor, DeMolay in Texas

Special Guests

Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's Family

Worthy Grand Patron-Elect's Family

North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684

Polytechnic Chapter No. 420

Installation Program

5:00 P.M.

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Mary Alberts Past Matron
Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane Past Grand Matron
Processional Grand Marshal	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas Past Grand Matron
Call to Order	Mrs. Vi Griffin Worthy Grand Matron Mr. David B. Dibrell Worthy Grand Patron

Processional

5:30 P.M.

Most Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. John E. Grobler
General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees	
Present and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions	
Texas' Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons	
Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron	
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and Other Masonic Dignitaries	
Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations	

**Presentation of 2012-2013 Board Members
Board of Grand Examiners**

_____ **District 1**

Escorted by _____

Mrs. Carla Stringer **District 2**
Escorted by Mr. Bobby Stringer

Mrs. Donna Hill Pope **District 3**
Escorted by Steve Runyon

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer **District 4**
Escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer

Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson **District 5**
Escorted by Mr. Art Brunet

_____ **Grand Examiner at Large**

Escorted by _____

Presentation of 2012-2013 Grand Officers

Mrs. Freida Dillon Escorted by Mr. Alan Duncan	Fraternal Correspondent
Mr. Victor Christenson Escorted by Mrs. Benita Bassett	Grand Sentinel
Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill Escorted by Mr. Roy E. Bean	Grand Warder
Mrs. Nell Thornton Escorted by Mr. Doyle Thornton	Grand Electa
Mrs. Margaret Wood Escorted by Mr. David Leseman	Grand Martha
Mrs. Kathey Crews Escorted by Mr. W.C. Long III	Grand Esther
Mrs. Ruth James Escorted by Mr. "Bo" James	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy Escorted by Mr. James Ivy	Grand Adah
Mrs. Beverly Plante Escorted by Mr. Pete Spurgeon	Grand Organist
Ms. Lori Goldman Escorted by Mr. Danny Pool	Grand Marshal
Dr. Leslie Keilberg Escorted by Mr. Bill Armstrong	Grand Chaplain

Associate Grand Conductress

Escorted by _____

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht

Grand Conductress

Mrs. Lorrie Owens
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens

Grand Treasurer

Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Escorted by Mr. John Creel

Grand Secretary

Mr. Trey Smith
Escorted by Mrs. Lesa Smith

Associate Grand Patron

Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Escorted by Mr. Joey Yenger

Associate Grand Matron

Mr. Bill Crews
Escorted by Mrs. Susan Long

Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Annette Curry
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis

Worthy Grand Matron

Star Point Presentation

Narrator Mrs. Alma Carter
Past Grand Matron

Adah Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron

Ruth Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. W.L. "Bill" Wyatt, Past Grand Patron

Esther Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron

Martha Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. Past Grand Patron

Electa Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron

Presentation of the Holy Bible Mr. Samuel Jones
Presentation of the Bible Marker Mr. Benjamin Jones
Escorted by Mr. Jacob Jones
Grandsons of the Worthy Grand Matron - Elect

Presentation of the Square and Compasses Mr. Brenden Carter
Great Grandson of the Worthy Grand Patron - Elect
Escorted by Mrs. Amanda Carter
Grand Daughter of the Worthy Grand Patron - Elect

Flag Presentation

United States	Mr. John Creel Past Grand Patron
Canadian	Mr. Kenneth Gregory Past Grand Patron
Texas	Mr. Henry Martin Past Grand Patron
Christian	Mr. Nelson Campbell Past Grand Patron
Eastern Star	Mr. Larry Hart Past Patron
Masonic	Mr. Jerry L. Martin Past Grand Patron
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Jack Guy Past Grand Patron
National Anthem	In Unison
Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Jayne Yenger Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Past Grand Matron

Presentation of Installing Grand Officers

Installing Grand Officer	Mrs. Elise B. Hammack Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand Marshal	Mrs. Nancy Brown Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand Organist	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand Secretary, Pro-Tem	Mrs. Doris J. Hester Past Grand Matron

Installation of Grand Officers

Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Grand Conductress
Closing Ode	Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Mizpah Benediction	In Unison
Greetings	Mr. John E. Grobler Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron
Greetings	Mrs. Rennie Ofton Most Worthy Grand Matron
Greetings	Mr. Walter W. "Walt" Rogers Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas AF and AM
Greetings	Mr. James F. Brumit Most Worshipful Grand Master Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas AF and AM
Greetings	Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas
DeMolay Presentation	Mr. Sean Waldrop State Master Councilor Texas DeMolay
Greetings	Mrs. JoAnn Weaver Supreme Deputy in Texas and Mexico International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Greetings and Presentations	Miss Boston White Grand Worthy Advisor Grand Assembly of Texas International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Presentations

Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel Mrs. Vi Griffin
Immediate Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel Mr. David B. Dibrell
Immediate Past Grand Patron

Past Grand Matron's Jewel Mr. Thomas F. Griffin

Past Grand Patron's Jewel Mrs. Marlene Dibrell

**Message and Dedication of the
Worthy Grand Matron
Theme, Colors, Flowers and Emblems** Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Past Grand Matron

**Message and Dedication of the
Worthy Grand Patron** Mr. David B. Dibrell
Past Grand Patron

Presentation of Scriptures Mrs. Betty Benham
Past Grand Matron

**Dedication and Presentation
of the Worthy Grand Matron's
and Worthy Grand Patron's Music** Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Past Grand Matron

"Bill's March" written by Mrs. Sandra Perdue
Performed by Mrs. Beverly Plante
Grand Organist

"Annette's March" arranged by Mrs. Beverly Plante
Performed by Mrs. Beverly Plante
Grand Organist

The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner
yet wave, O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?

Closing Ode An Evening Prayer

If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way,
Dear Lord, Forgive!

North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684

and

Polytechnic Chapter No. 420

Cordially invite you to attend

“The Beginning” Banquet

honoring

Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron

and

Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron

AND

Joint Fraternal Visit of

Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron

and Honoring

Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron

Saturday, August 25, 2012

Banquet will begin at 5:00 pm

Fraternal Visit to follow at 7:00 pm

Fort Worth Masonic Temple

1100 Henderson Street

Fort Worth, Texas, 76102

Hotel Accommodations

Hampton Inn and Suites Fort Worth West

2700 Green Oaks Road

Fort Worth, Texas 76116

817-732-8585 (Mention Order of the Eastern Star)

Cut- off Date: August 1, 2012

Standard King \$109 or Standard Queen (2 beds) \$114

Banquet Ticket Chairman

Barbara Martin

6808 Richardson Drive

Fort Worth, Texas 76148

817-485-2640 or 817-366-3337

dbmartin58@sbcglobal.net

Banquet Donation \$25 Cut-off Date: August 15, 2012

Please enclose a SASE with your 2012-2013 title

Announcements

Sunday, July 29, 2012

The **“Bright Beginnings”** Breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8 A.M. at the Elegante’ Hotel Ballroom.

Deputy Grand Matron Conference will begin at 10 A.M. at the Elegante’ Hotel Diplomat rooms.

Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.



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